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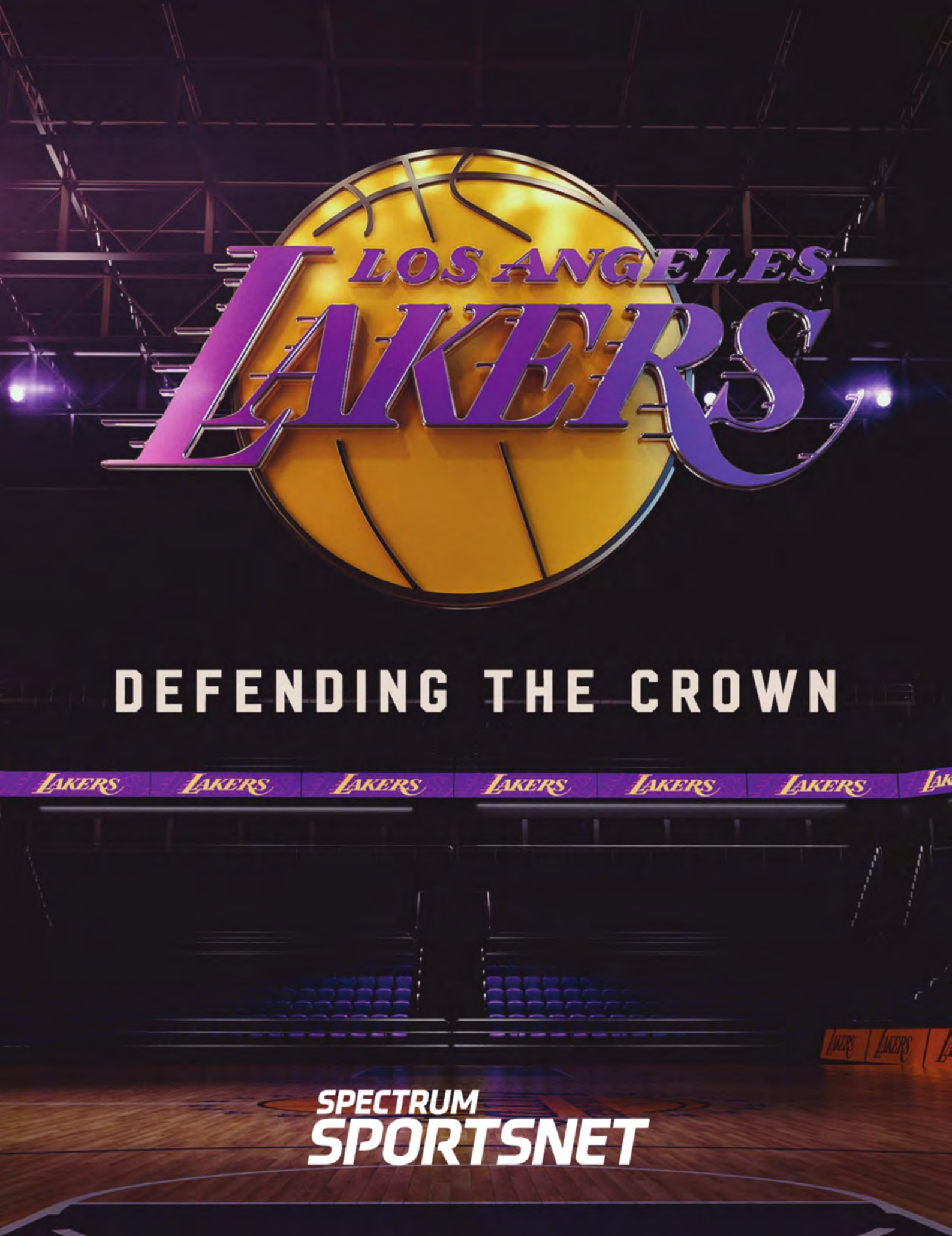
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LAKER LEADERS

JEANIE BUSS

GOVERNOR

As Governor, Jeanie Buss is responsible for running all aspects of the Los Angeles Lakers organization. Buss, who oversees the business and basketball operations of the team, works closely with President of Business Operations, Tim Harris, as well as Vice President of Basketball Operations and General Manager Rob Pelinka. In 2020, Buss became the first female Governor to win an NBA Championship, as the Lakers tied a league record with their 17th title.

Representing the team on the NBA's Board of Governors, Buss is currently a member of the NBA Advisory and Finance Committee and serves on the NBA Labor Committee, which in 2016 successfully reached a deal with the NBA Players Association for a new collective bargaining agreement.

Buss, who spent four years serving as President of the Great Western Forum before joining the Lakers, began her career at the age of 19 as General Manager of World Team Tennis' Los Angeles Strings. While guiding the team to two league titles, she also created the Forum Tennis Challenge Series featuring players such as John McEnroe, Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Jimmy Connors, Steffi Graff, Chris Evert, and Martina Navratilova.

In 1993, Buss brought professional roller hockey to Los Angeles as the owner of the Los Angeles Blades. Her outstanding leadership and dedication earned her Executive of the Year honors by Roller Hockey International. Buss is also using her considerable experience to lead a revival of WOW – Women of Wrestling, featuring female superheroes in the ring, with the goal of showcasing the talented performers and eventually touring the country.

Named by the *Sports Business Journal* in October of 2011 as one of the Game Changers: Women in Sports Business, Buss serves as a Trustee of the University of Southern California, her alma mater. She is also a co-host of Lakers All-Access, a yearly event presented by the LA Sports and Entertainment Commission, a nonprofit organization which draws events and attractions to Los Angeles.

Actively involved in the community, Buss received the 2018 Sally Award for her and the Lakers' commitment to The Salvation Army and for the team's work at the Salvation Army's Red Shield Community Center in Pico Union. She lists Canine Companions for Independence, The Amanda Foundation and the Best Buddies organization among her many charitable endeavors while also working internally with the Lakers Youth Foundation to raise money for Southern California Youth charities. In 2015, she personally pledged $1.5 million to Cedars-Sinai to establish the Dr. Jerry H. Buss Surgical Oncology Fellowship as a tribute to her father.

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After three full seasons with the Lakers, Vice President of Basketball Operations & General Manager Rob Pelinka has transformed the team DNA, constructing a roster and staff that earned the franchise their 17th NBA championship in 2020.

Pelinka helped make one of the most significant free agent signings in team history in 2018 when the Lakers added four-time NBA MVP LeBron James, following that with a franchise-altering trade that brought seven-time all-star Anthony Davis to Los Angeles. With other key additions and the hiring of Head Coach Frank Vogel, Pelinka had assembled a championship contender. L.A. went on to clinch the top seed in the Western Conference, the franchise's 24th Pacific Division title and the team's first championship since 2010 by defeating Portland, Houston, Denver and Miami in the 2020 NBA Playoffs.

With a shortened offseason, Pelinka got to work quickly to improve the championship roster he'd assembled in 2019-20. He signed 2020 Finals MVP James to a contract extension, re-signed the 2020 First Team All-NBA and First Team All-Defensive Team honoree in Davis, while also re-signing key contributors to the championship run in Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Markieff Morris. Pelinka then made additional roster improvements with the acquisitions of Marc Gasol, Wesley Matthews, Dennis Schröder and reigning NBA Sixth Man of the Year Montrezl Harrell. Core contributors in Alex Caruso and Kyle Kuzma also returned, as the revamped Lakers lineup looks to repeat as champions in 2020-21.

Off the court, Pelinka has reignited the Lakers commitment to player development by launching the Lakers Genius Talks, a series of life-skills discussions for Lakers players led by luminaries such as Denzel Washington, Dave Chappelle, Kendrick Lamar, Allyson Felix, Dwayne Johnson and Elon Musk.

In his role, Pelinka coordinates all day-to-day functions of the Basketball Operations Department, helping to manage personnel decisions, contract negotiations, salary cap strategies and scouting. He oversees and collaborates with his staff on all offseason activities, including the draft process, summer league, free agency and training camp. In addition to these tasks, Pelinka also assists with various media relations and other management functions.

Pelinka joined the Lakers after spending the greater part of two decades representing many of the NBA's top players as an agent. Named by *Forbes* as one the Top 10 Sports Agents in the World, Pelinka's experience gives him a unique, player-centric perspective of the NBA landscape that has helped shape the core values for the franchise.

The Lake Forest, Illinois, native earned his business degree from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan with high honors in 1993, before receiving his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School in 1996. While on campus at Michigan, Pelinka was a member of the 1989 NCAA National Championship basketball team, taking part in three NCAA Final Fours (1989, 1992, 1993) for the Maize & Blue. In 1993, Pelinka was named the NCAA Walter Byers Male Student-Athlete of the Year. Upon graduation, Pelinka practiced corporate law in Chicago and then embarked on a successful career as a sports agent, representing some of the all-time greats and many future NBA Hall-of-Famers, including the Lakers own Kobe Bryant.

Pelinka, 50, makes his home in Newport Beach with his wife, Dr. Kristin Pelinka, his son, Durham (12), and his daughter, Emery (10). Pelinka's off court interests include trail running, reading and spending as much time with his kids as his work schedule permits. Pelinka and his family take great joy serving in leadership capacities at The Exceptional Families Ministry of Mariners Church in Irvine, CA, and at The Painted Turtle Camp in Lake Hughes, CA.

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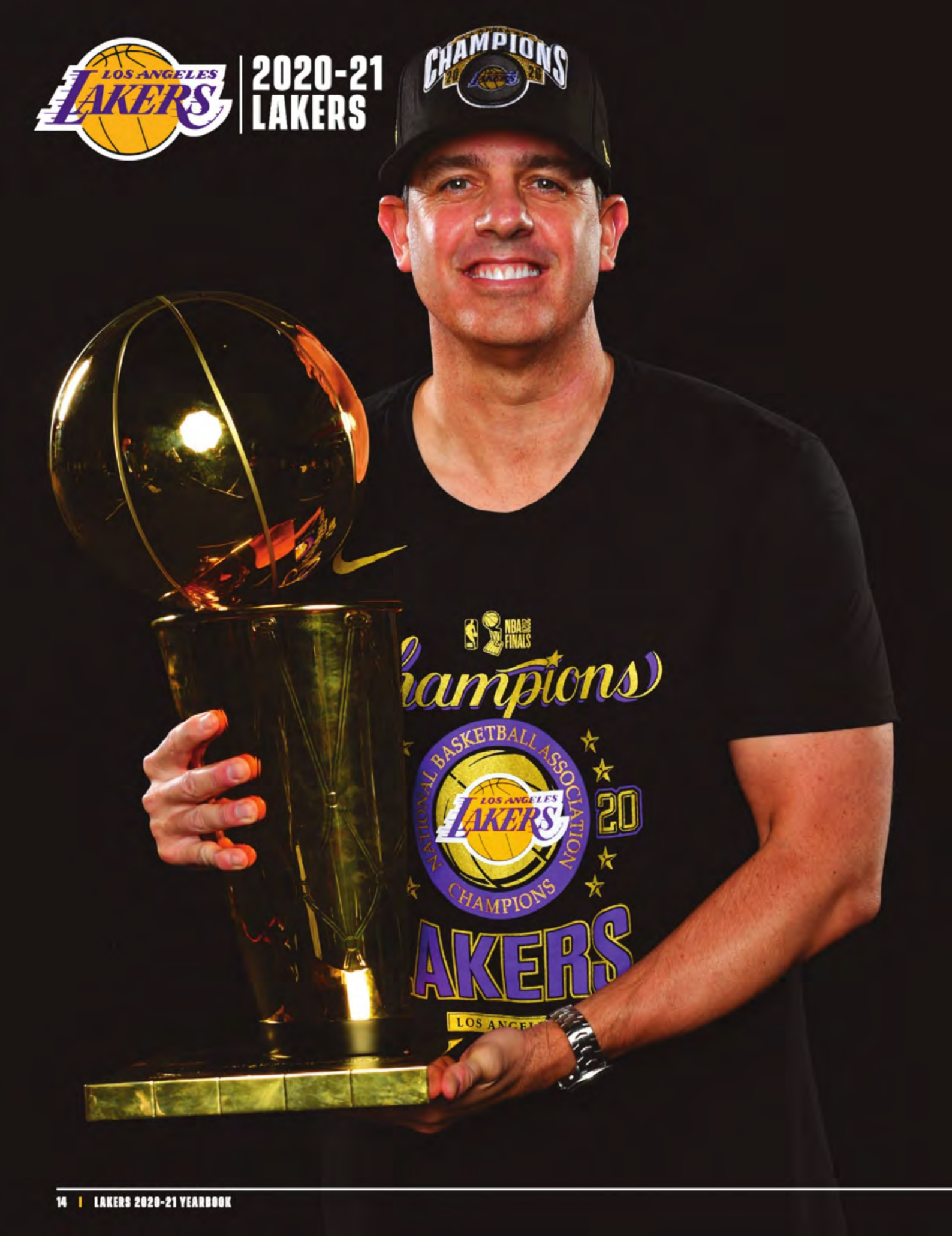
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FRANK VOGEL

HEAD COACH

Frank Vogel has made an immediate impact on the franchise after joining the team in May 2019, leading Los Angeles to its first NBA title since 2010 in his first season.

With Vogel at the helm, the Lakers advanced to the NBA Finals after winning each of their first three playoff series in five games. The Miami HEAT forced a sixth game in the Finals, where the Lakers became the third team in the last 50 seasons to clinch an NBA title in a wire-to-wire win, while leading by as many as 36 points in the contest.

Vogel — the 27th head coach in Lakers franchise history and the 23rd in the Los Angeles era — guided the Lakers to the league's best regular season start and was recognized with Western Conference Coach of the Month honors for games played in October/November. The 17-2 record that Vogel's team accumulated over that span tied the franchise's best 19-game start in team history, and 14 wins in November marked the most by the Lakers in a calendar month since March 2000. The quick start was merely a sign of what was to come, as Vogel and his coaching staff later led Team LeBron to a victory at the 2020 NBA All-Star Game in Chicago, having earned his second career distinction to an all-star bench by compiling the Western Conference's best overall record through January.

In a shortened 71-game regular season, Vogel's Lakers amassed a 52-19 record, clinching the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference and earning the franchise's 24th Pacific Division title. The team shot a league-leading 48.0 percent from the field, blocked a league-high 6.6 shots per game and ranked third in defensive rating (106.1). Additionally, the Lakers tallied 13 consecutive road victories, tied for the third-best road streak of all time. L.A. went on to set

an NBA record by defeating 18 consecutive Western Conference opponents on the road, thoroughly outmatching the previous record of 13 that has been held by the Lakers since the 1972-73 season.

Prior to joining the Lakers, Vogel accumulated a 250-181 record as the head coach in Indiana and was a four-time NBA Eastern Conference Coach of the Month from 2010-16, leading them to five NBA Playoff appearances, two Central Division championships and back-to-back trips to the Eastern Conference Finals in 2013 and 2014. His 250 regular season wins remain as the most for a Pacers head coach in the team's NBA history. Vogel then led the Orlando Magic for two seasons from 2016-18 and guided the team to a 54-110 record while overseeing a young and developing roster.

Vogel is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in biology. He initially attended Juniata College in Huntington, PA, where he was a three-year starter for the school's Division-III basketball team. An admirer of then-Kentucky head coach Rick Pitino, Vogel transferred to UK and became a student manager, playing on the junior varsity team in 1996.

After graduating from Kentucky, Vogel soon moved into a video coordinator role with the Wildcats. He got his start in the NBA soon thereafter as the head video coordinator with the Boston Celtics, again working under the future Hall-of-Famer Pitino from 1997-2001, before earning his first assistant coach role with the Celtics during the 2001-02 season.

Vogel has been an assistant with Boston (2001-04), Philadelphia (2004-05) and Indiana (2007-11), while also previously holding advance scouting roles with the Lakers (2005-06) and Wizards (2006-07). He remained as an assistant coach until the 2010-11 season, when he took the reigns as interim head coach for the Pacers and led the team to the playoffs later that season.

A native of Wildwood Crest, NJ, Vogel and his wife Jenifer have two daughters, Alexa and Arianna.

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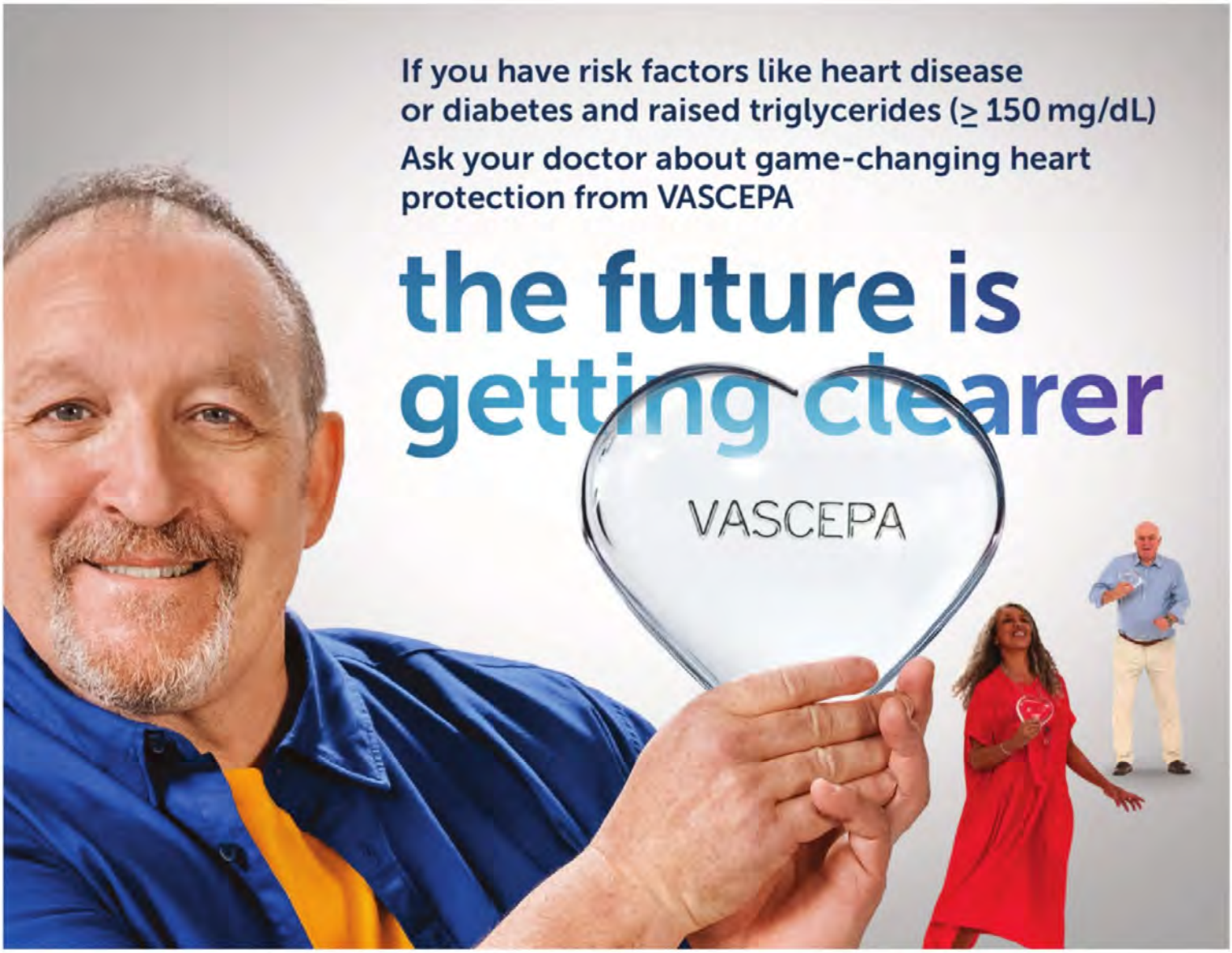
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- are allergic to fish or shellfish. It is not known if people who are allergic to fish or shellfish are also allergic to VASCEPA.
- are pregnant, or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if VASCEPA will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. VASCEPA can pass into your breast milk, and may harm your baby. Talk to your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you take VASCEPA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and dietary or herbal supplements.

VASCEPA can interact with certain other medicines that you are taking.

Especially tell your doctor if you take medicines that affect your blood clotting (anticoagulants or blood thinners).

How should I take VASCEPA?

- Take VASCEPA exactly as your doctor tells you to take it.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking VASCEPA without talking to your doctor.
- Do not take more capsules than what is prescribed by your doctor.
  - If you are prescribed the 0.5 gram capsules, you should not take more than 8 capsules each day with food.
  - If you are prescribed the 1 gram capsules, you should not take more than 4 capsules each day with food.
- Take VASCEPA capsules whole. Do not break, crush, dissolve, or chew VASCEPA capsules before swallowing.
- If you miss a dose of VASCEPA, take it as soon as you remember. However, if you miss one day of VASCEPA, do not double your dose when you take it.
- Your doctor may start you on a diet that is low in saturated fat, cholesterol, carbohydrates, and low in added sugars before giving you VASCEPA. Stay on this diet while taking VASCEPA.
- Your doctor may do blood tests to check your triglyceride and other lipid levels while you take VASCEPA.

What are the possible side effects of VASCEPA?

VASCEPA may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Heart rhythm problems (atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter).** Heart rhythm problems which can be serious and cause hospitalization have happened in people who take VASCEPA, especially in people who have heart (cardiovascular) disease or diabetes with a risk factor for heart (cardiovascular) disease, or who have had heart rhythm problems in the past. Tell your doctor if you get any symptoms of heart rhythm problems such as feeling as if your heart is beating fast and irregular, lightheadedness, dizziness, shortness of breath, chest discomfort, or you faint.
- **Possible allergic reactions if you are allergic to fish or shellfish.** Stop taking VASCEPA and tell your doctor right away or get emergency medical help if you have any signs or symptoms of an allergic reaction.
- **Bleeding.** Serious bleeding can happen in people who take VASCEPA. Your risk of bleeding may increase if you are also taking a blood thinner medicine.

If you have liver problems and are taking VASCEPA, your doctor should do blood tests during treatment.

The most common side effects of VASCEPA include: muscle and joint pain; swelling of the hands, legs, or feet; constipation; gout; and heart rhythm problems (atrial fibrillation).

These are not all the possible side effects of VASCEPA. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store VASCEPA?

- Store VASCEPA at room temperature between 68° to 77° F (20° to 25° C).
- Safely throw away medicine that is out of date or no longer needed.

Keep VASCEPA and all medicine out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of VASCEPA. Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use VASCEPA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give VASCEPA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about VASCEPA that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in VASCEPA?

Active ingredient: icosapent ethyl
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37	Kostas Antetokounmpo (2W)	F	6-10	200	11/20/97	Dayton / Greece	2
12	Devontae Cacok (2W)	F	6-7	240	10/8/96	UNC Wilmington / USA	1
1	Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	G	6-5	205	2/18/93	Georgia / USA	7
4	Alex Caruso	G	6-5	186	2/28/94	Texas A&M / USA	3
3	Anthony Davis	F	6-10	253	3/11/93	Kentucky / USA	8
10	Jared Dudley	F	6-6	237	7/10/85	Boston College / USA	13
14	Marc Gasol	C	7-1	255	1/29/85	CB Girona / Spain	12
15	Montrezl Harrell	F/C	6-7	253	1/26/94	Louisville / USA	5
5	Talen Horton-Tucker	G	6-4	233	11/25/00	Iowa State / USA	1
23	LeBron James	F	6-9	250	12/30/84	St. Vincent-St. Mary (OH) / USA	17
0	Kyle Kuzma	F	6-8	220	7/24/95	Utah / USA	3
9	Wesley Matthews	G	6-4	221	10/14/86	Marquette / USA	11
28	Alfonzo McKinnie	F	6-8	215	9/17/92	Green Bay / USA	3
88	Markieff Morris	F	6-10	245	9/2/89	Kansas / USA	9
17	Dennis Schröder	G	6-1	172	9/15/93	Löwen Braunschweig / Germany	7

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Nina Hsieh (Cal State Fullerton)

KOSTAS ANTETOKOUNMPO

37

FORWARD

HT: 6-10 | WT: 200
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PRIOR TO NBA: DAYTON
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CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 7, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento

MINUTES: 11, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento

FG: 3, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento

FGA: 3, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento

3FG: N/A

3FGA: N/A

FT: 1, 2/24/21, Los Angeles at Utah (four times)

FTA: 2, 2/24/21, Los Angeles at Utah (four times)

OREB: 2, 2/28/21, Los Angeles vs. Golden State (twice)

DREB: 4, 12/27/20, Los Angeles vs. Minnesota

REB: 4, 12/27/20, Los Angeles vs. Minnesota

AST: 1, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento (twice)

STL: 2, 3/20/19, Dallas at Portland

BLK: 2, 12/27/20, Los Angeles vs. Minnesota

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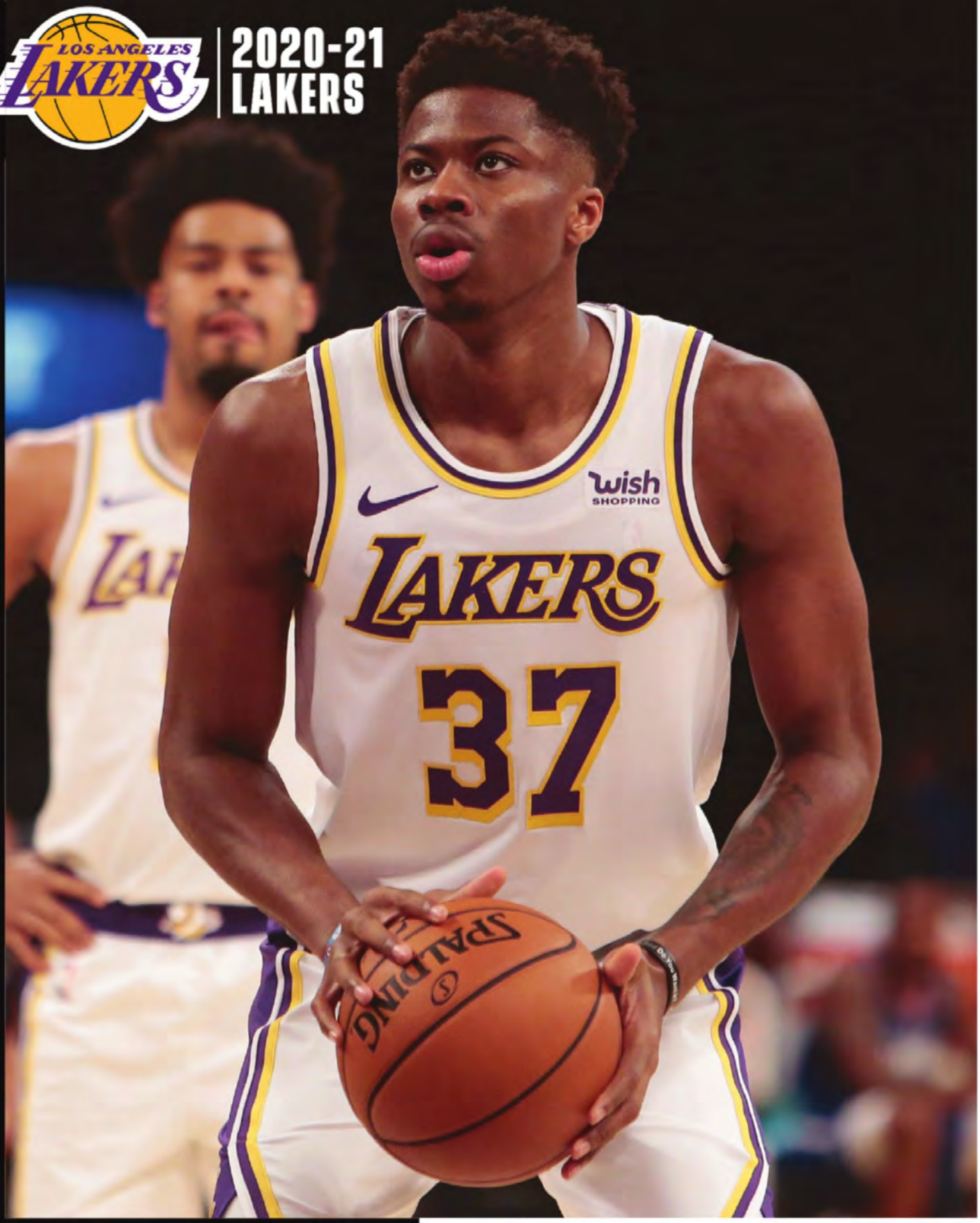

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EXPERIENCE: 1 YEAR PRO

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CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 6, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
MINUTES: 9, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
FG: 3, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
FGA: 6, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
3FG: N/A
3FGA: N/A
FT: N/A
FTA: 2, 2/28/21, Los Angeles vs. Golden State
OREB: 2, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
DREB: 3, 2/28/21, Los Angeles vs. Golden State (twice)
REB: 5, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
AST: 1, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
STL: 1, 2/28/21, Los Angeles vs. Golden State (twice)
BLK: N/A

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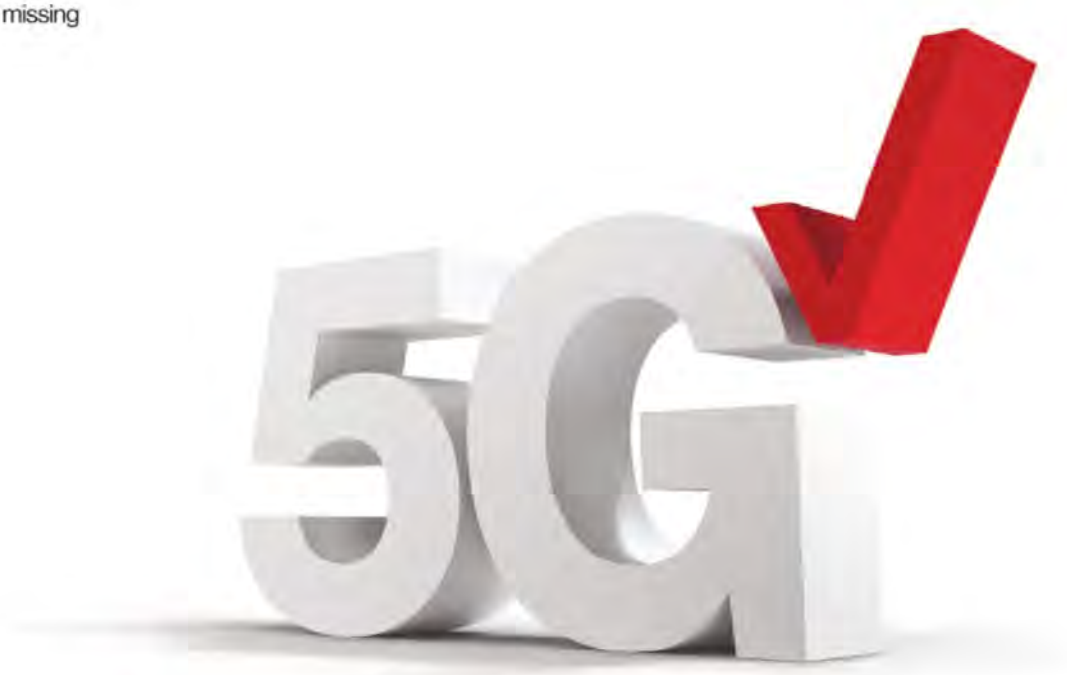

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POINTS: 38, 2/1/17, Detroit vs. New Orleans

MINUTES: 49, 12/18/15, Detroit at Chicago

FG: 13, 4/7/19, Los Angeles vs. Utah

FGA: 31, 4/9/19, Los Angeles vs. Portland

3FG: 8, 3/19/19, Los Angeles at Milwaukee (four times)

3FGA: 16, 1/9/15, Detroit vs. Atlanta

FT: 8, 1/15/19, Los Angeles vs. Chicago (five times)

FTA: 10, 1/15/19, Los Angeles vs. Chicago (four times)

OREB: 4, 10/30/16, Detroit vs. Milwaukee (five times)

DREB: 12, 2/26/18, Los Angeles at Atlanta

REB: 14, 2/26/18, Los Angeles at Atlanta

AST: 10, 11/25/16, Detroit vs. LA Clippers

STL: 5, 11/25/18, Los Angeles vs. Orlando (twice)

BLK: 3, 1/31/15, Detroit vs. Houston

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CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 32, 4/5/19, Los Angeles at LA Clippers

MINUTES: 43, 4/7/19, Los Angeles vs. Utah

FG: 10, 4/5/19, Los Angeles at LA Clippers

FGA: 20, 4/7/19, Los Angeles vs. Utah

3FG: 5, 4/5/19, Los Angeles at LA Clippers

3FGA: 7, 11/15/19, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento (twice)

FT: 8, 12/22/19, Los Angeles vs. Denver

FTA: 8, 12/22/19, Los Angeles vs. Denver (twice)

OREB: 3, 3/19/19, Los Angeles at Milwaukee (twice)

DREB: 8, 4/5/19, Los Angeles at LA Clippers

REB: 10, 4/5/19, Los Angeles at LA Clippers

AST: 13, 4/9/19, Los Angeles vs. Portland

STL: 6, 1/25/20, Los Angeles at Philadelphia

BLK: 3, 3/17/19, Los Angeles at New York

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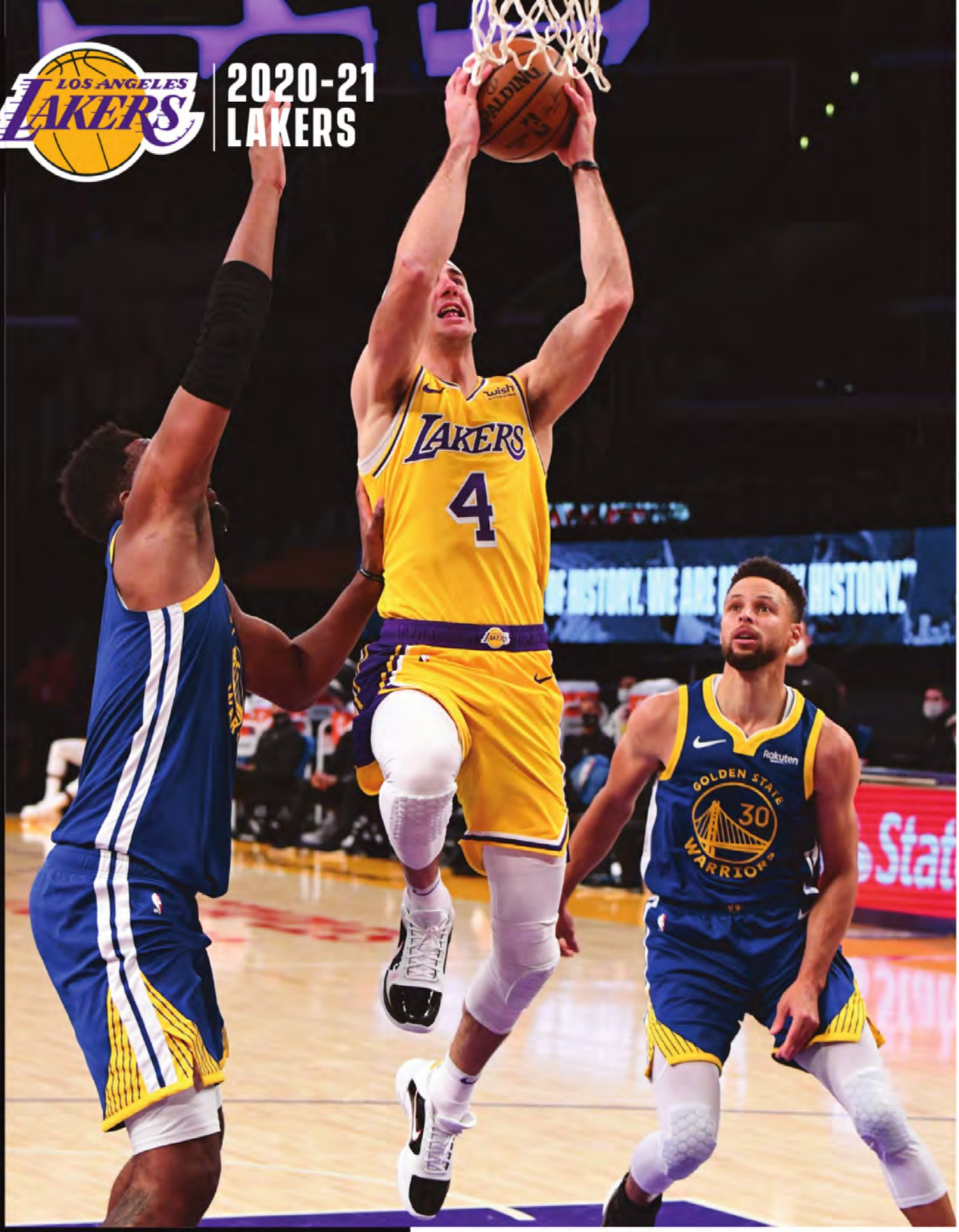

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EXPERIENCE: 8 YEARS PRO

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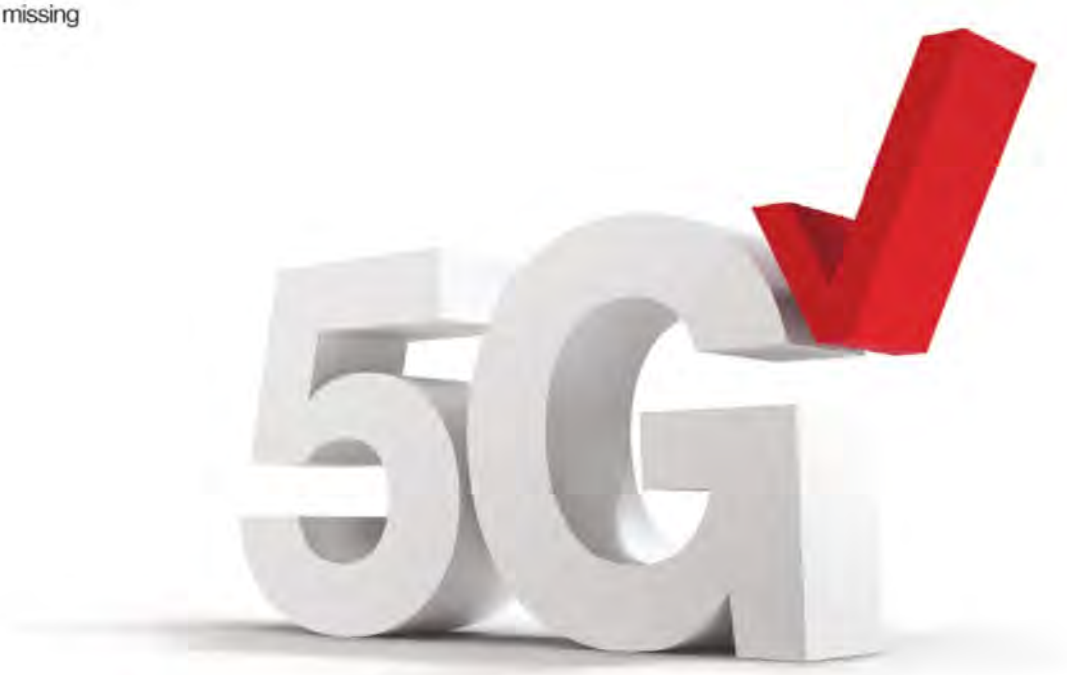

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3 ANTHONY DAVIS F

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 59, 2/21/16, New Orleans at Detroit

MINUTES: 50, 2/10/18, New Orleans at Brooklyn (four times)

FG: 24, 2/21/16, New Orleans at Detroit

FGA: 35, 2/10/18, New Orleans at Brooklyn

3FG: 4, 1/5/21, Los Angeles at Memphis (12 times)

3FGA: 10, 1/5/21, Los Angeles at Memphis

FT: 26, 10/29/19, Los Angeles vs. Memphis

FTA: 27, 10/29/19, Los Angeles vs. Memphis

OREB: 9, 10/28/14, New Orleans vs. Orlando (twice)

DREB: 21, 1/2/19, New Orleans at Brooklyn

REB: 26, 1/2/19, New Orleans at Brooklyn

AST: 9, 12/5/18, New Orleans vs. Dallas

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JARED DUDLEY

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FORWARD

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FG: 11, 12/26/12, Phoenix vs. New York (twice)

FGA: 17, 1/9/13, Phoenix at Boston (twice)

3FG: 7, 12/23/10, Phoenix vs. Miami

3FGA: 11, 4/2/17, Phoenix vs. Houston

FT: 9, 12/26/12, Phoenix vs. New York (twice)

FTA: 12, 11/6/07, Charlotte vs. Phoenix

OREB: 7, 3/5/08, Charlotte vs. Golden State

DREB: 11, 3/5/08, Charlotte vs. Golden State

REB: 18, 3/5/08, Charlotte vs. Golden State

AST: 10, 3/24/17, Phoenix at Boston (twice)

STL: 5, 4/11/11, Phoenix vs. Minnesota (four times)

BLK: 3, 3/8/12, Phoenix vs. Dallas

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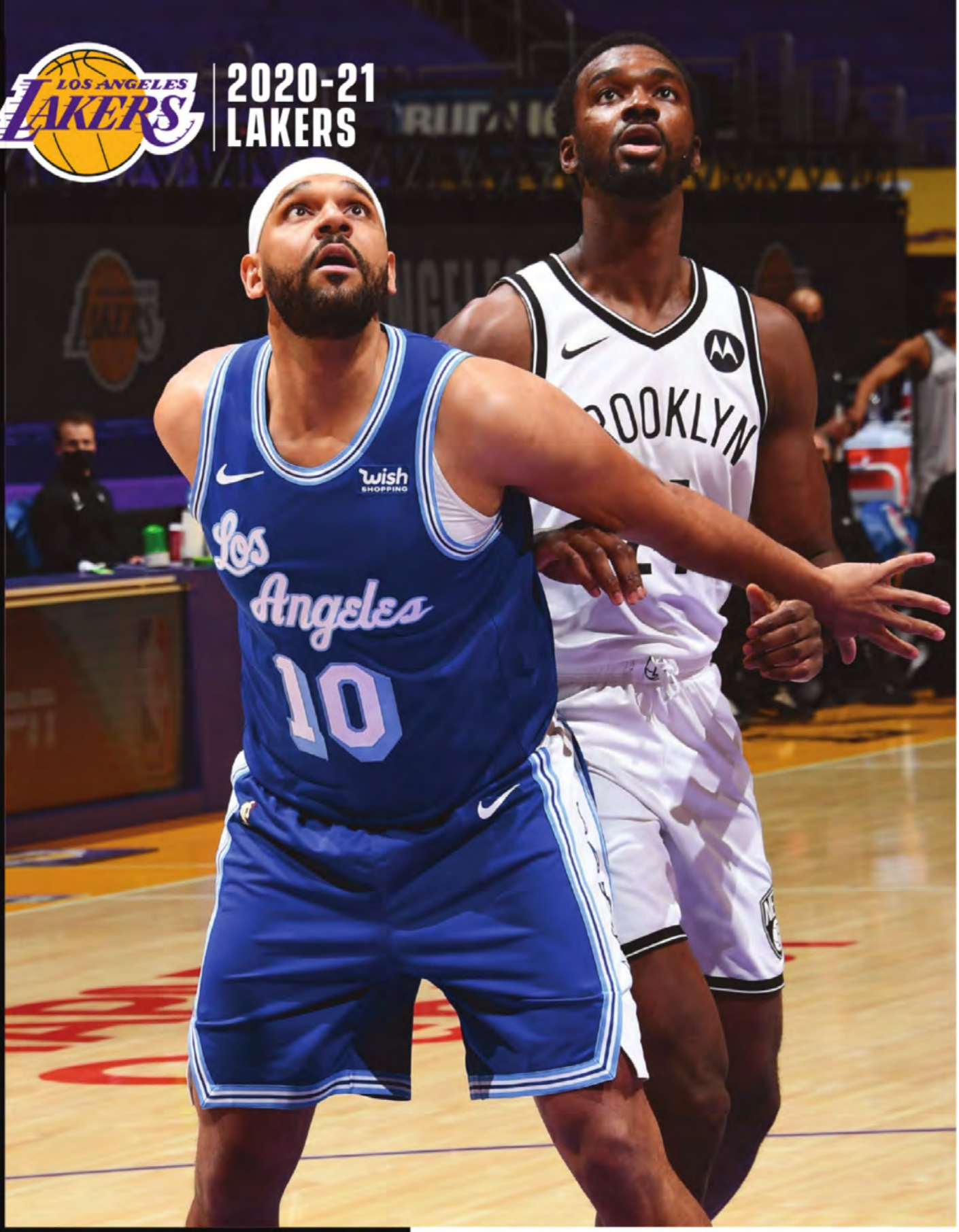

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CENTER

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POINTS: 42, 1/25/17, Memphis vs. Toronto

MINUTES: 51, 2/19/10, Memphis vs. Miami

FG: 15, 1/16/16, Memphis vs. New York

FGA: 29, 1/16/16, Memphis vs. New York

3FG: 6, 1/17/20, Toronto vs. Washington (three times)

3FGA: 12, 11/14/18, Memphis at Milwaukee

FT: 16, 10/21/17, Memphis vs. Golden State (twice)

FTA: 17, 10/21/17, Memphis vs. Golden State

OREB: 9, 1/30/10, Memphis vs. New Orleans

DREB: 16, 1/23/19, Memphis vs. Charlotte

REB: 17, 1/23/19, Memphis vs. Charlotte

AST: 14, 11/24/17, Memphis at Denver

STL: 5, 10/30/18, Memphis vs. Washington (three times)

BLK: 8, 1/4/13, Memphis vs. Portland

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MINUTES: 44, 2/13/20, LA Clippers at Boston

FG: 14, 2/25/19, LA Clippers vs. Dallas

FGA: 25, 11/6/19, LA Clippers vs. Milwaukee

3FG: 1, 3/12/19, LA Clippers vs. Portland (five times)

3FGA: 3, 4/2/17, Houston at Phoenix

FT: 15, 11/19/18, LA Clippers at Atlanta

FTA: 18, 11/19/18, LA Clippers at Atlanta

OREB: 8, 11/18/19, LA Clippers vs. Oklahoma City

DREB: 12, 12/1/19, LA Clippers vs. Washington

REB: 15, 12/1/19, LA Clippers vs. Washington

AST: 6, 11/14/19, LA Clippers at New Orleans (four times)

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BLK: 5, 12/26/18, LA Clippers vs. Sacramento (twice)

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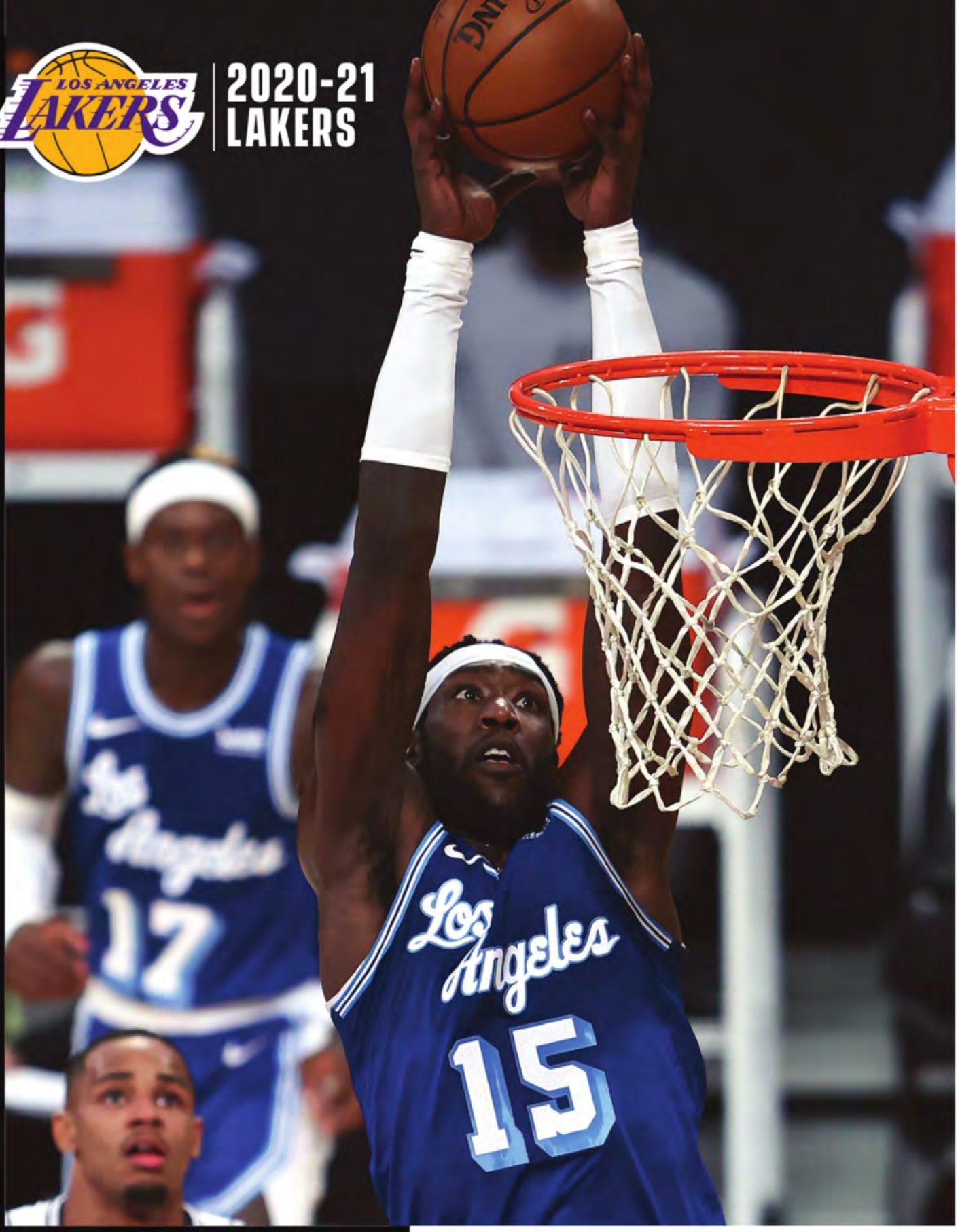

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TALEN HORTON-TUCKER

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POINTS: 17, 2/4/21, Los Angeles vs. Denver (twice)
MINUTES: 43, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
FG: 8, 2/4/21, Los Angeles vs. Denver
FGA: 15, 8/13/20, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
3FG: 3, 1/28/21, Los Angeles at Detroit
3FGA: 5, 2/24/21, Los Angeles at Utah (three times)
FT: 4, 2/14/21, Los Angeles at Denver (twice)
FTA: 6, 2/14/21, Los Angeles at Denver
OREB: 2, 1/10/21, Los Angeles at Houston (twice)
DREB: 5, 2/24/21, Los Angeles at Utah (three times)
REB: 6, 1/3/21, Los Angeles at Memphis
AST: 5, 2/24/21, Los Angeles at Utah (three times)
STL: 4, 1/10/21, Los Angeles at Houston (twice)
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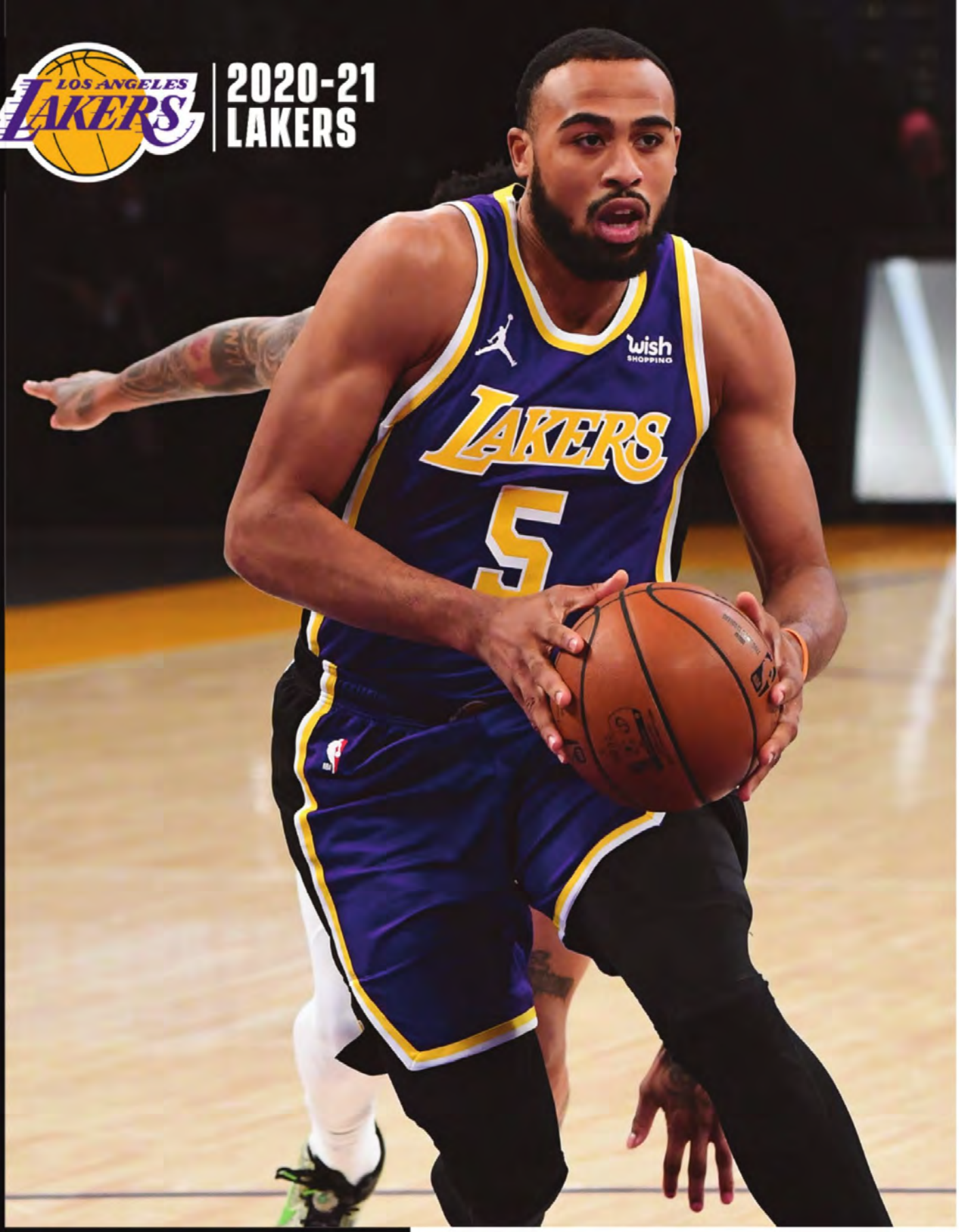

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FG: 23, 11/3/17, Cleveland at Washington

FGA: 36, 3/20/05, Cleveland at Toronto

3FG: 8, 3/3/14, Miami vs. Charlotte (twice)

3FGA: 13, 3/5/08, Cleveland at New York (three times)

FT: 24, 3/12/06, Cleveland at Miami

FTA: 28, 3/12/06, Cleveland at Miami

OREB: 7, 3/20/13, Miami at Cleveland (twice)

DREB: 17, 4/14/05, Cleveland vs. New York

REB: 19, 1/11/08, Cleveland vs. Charlotte

AST: 19, 1/15/20, Los Angeles vs. Orlando (twice)

STL: 7, 12/13/04, Cleveland at Memphis

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POINTS: 41, 1/9/19, Los Angeles vs. Detroit

MINUTES: 46, 3/30/18, Los Angeles vs. Milwaukee

FG: 16, 1/9/19, Los Angeles vs. Detroit

FGA: 25, 10/22/18, Los Angeles vs. San Antonio

3FG: 7, 1/17/19, Los Angeles at Oklahoma City (twice)

3FGA: 14, 3/24/19, Los Angeles vs. Sacramento

FT: 9, 12/25/17, Los Angeles vs. Minnesota

FTA: 13, 12/25/17, Los Angeles vs. Minnesota

OREB: 6, 1/25/21, Los Angeles at Cleveland

DREB: 13, 3/13/18, Los Angeles vs. Denver (three times)

REB: 15, 1/31/20, Los Angeles vs. Portland (twice)

AST: 10, 3/15/19, Los Angeles at Detroit

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CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 36, 12/6/15, Dallas at Washington (twice)

MINUTES: 50, 12/19/14, Portland at San Antonio (twice)

FG: 12, 12/6/15, Dallas at Washington (three times)

FGA: 25, 10/30/16, Dallas at Houston

3FG: 10, 12/6/15, Dallas at Washington

3FGA: 17, 12/6/15, Dallas at Washington

FT: 12, 3/9/14, Portland at Houston

FTA: 13, 11/14/19, Milwaukee vs. Chicago (twice)

OREB: 4, 3/1/20, Milwaukee at Charlotte

DREB: 11, 11/1/13, Portland at Denver

REB: 12, 11/1/13, Portland at Denver

AST: 10, 12/1/12, Portland at Cleveland

STL: 5, 1/31/18, Dallas at Phoenix (three times)

BLK: 4, 1/21/19, Dallas at Milwaukee

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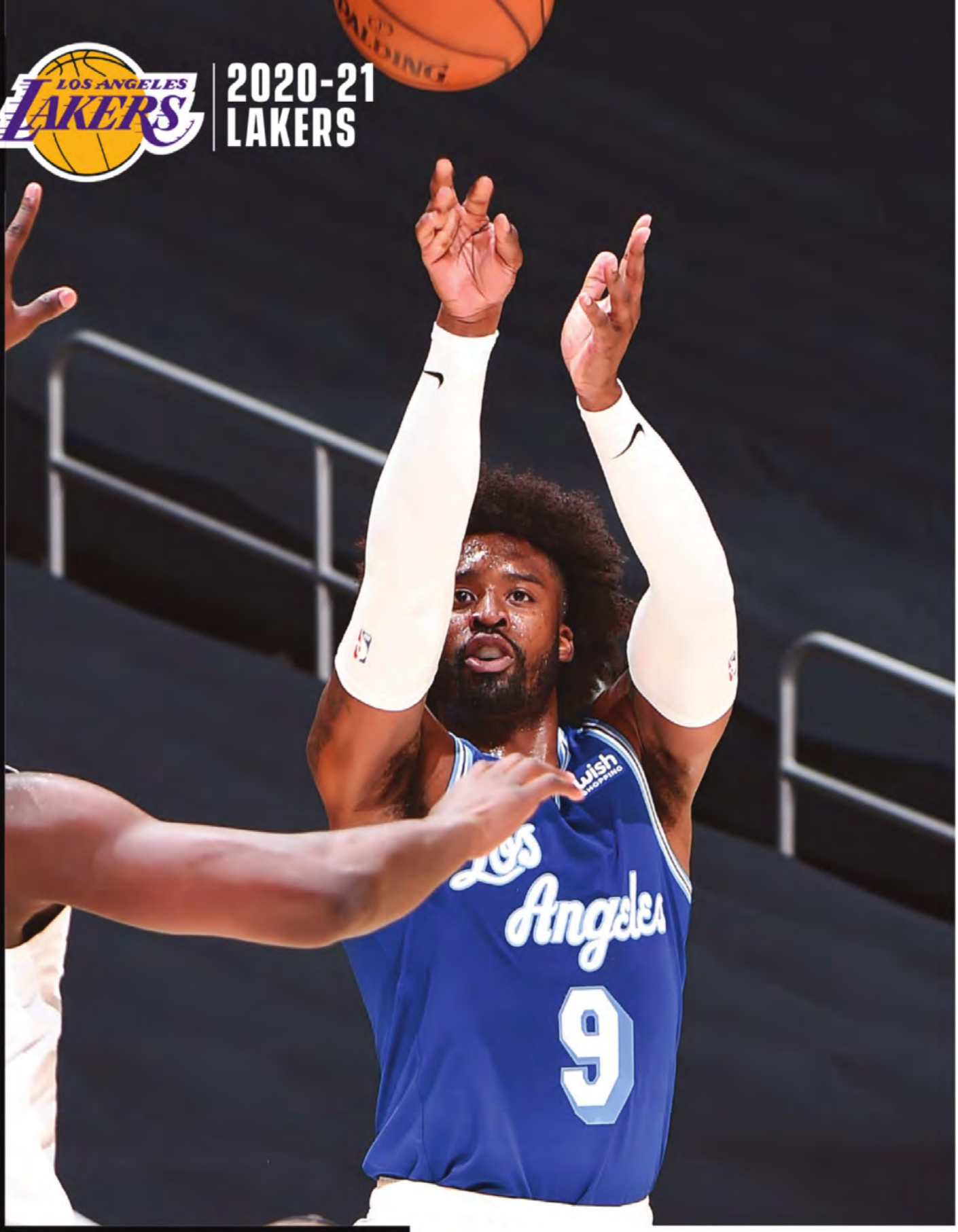

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MINUTES: 30, 11/18/19, Cleveland at New York

FG: 7, 10/29/18, Golden State at Chicago

FGA: 15, 10/29/18, Golden State at Chicago

3FG: 4, 10/29/18, Golden State at Chicago

3FGA: 7, 12/7/18, Golden State at Milwaukee (twice)

FT: 3, 1/28/20, Cleveland vs. New Orleans (five times)

FTA: 5, 11/18/19, Cleveland at New York

OREB: 5, 10/29/18, Golden State at Chicago

DREB: 7, 1/17/20, Cleveland at Memphis (three times)

REB: 10, 1/17/20, Cleveland at Memphis (twice)

AST: 3, 2/28/19, Golden State at Orlando (three times)

STL: 3, 1/9/20, Cleveland at Detroit (twice)

BLK: 2, 3/19/19, Golden State at Minnesota (twice)

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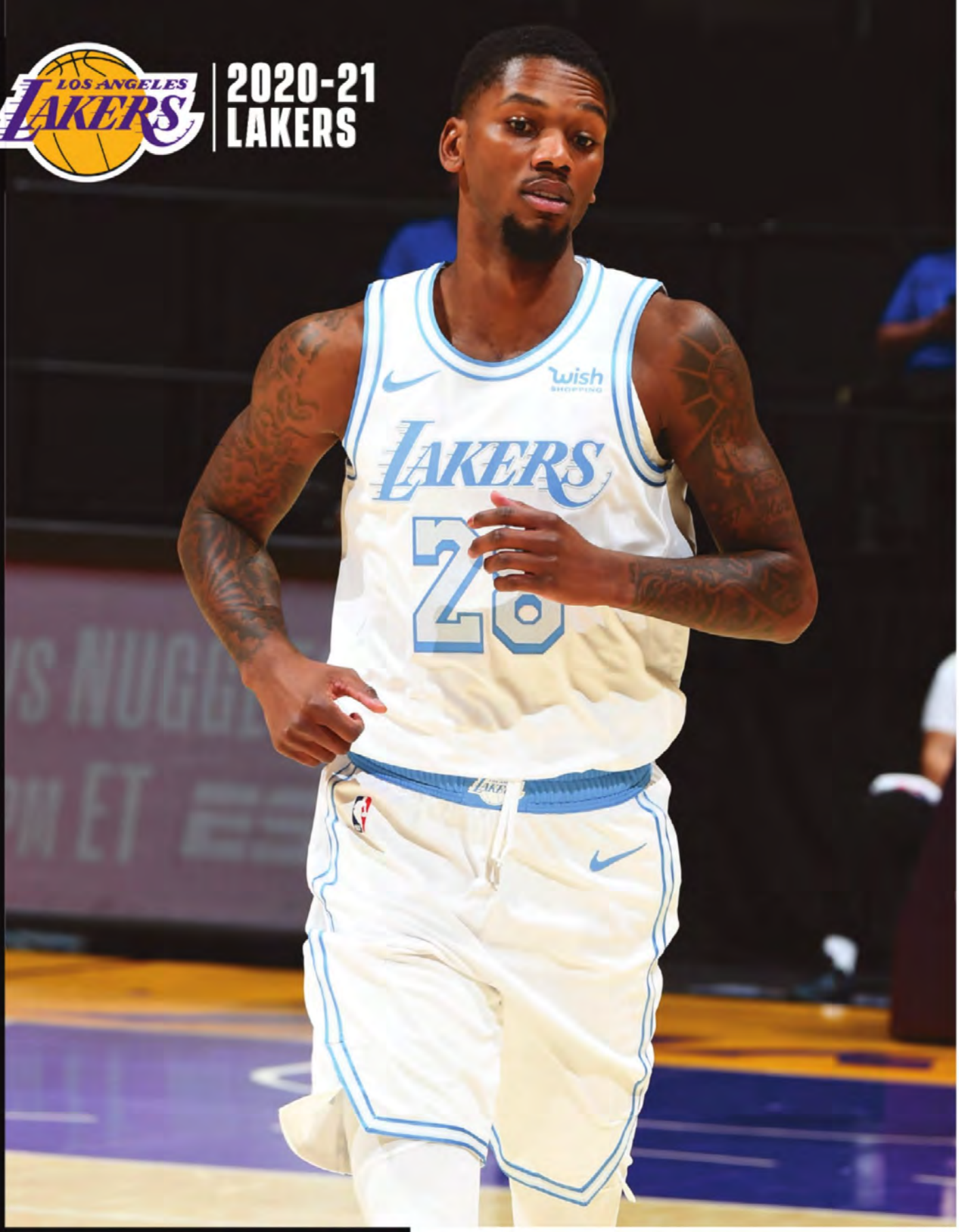

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MARKIEFF MORRIS

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FG: 15, 1/13/15, Phoenix vs. Cleveland

FGA: 26, 2/26/15, Phoenix vs. Oklahoma City

3FG: 7, 12/21/19, Detroit vs. Chicago

3FGA: 12, 12/21/19, Detroit vs. Chicago

FT: 11, 12/20/13, Phoenix at Denver

FTA: 15, 12/20/13, Phoenix at Denver

OREB: 9, 3/24/13, Phoenix vs. Brooklyn

DREB: 16, 1/5/18, Washington at Memphis

REB: 17, 1/5/18, Washington at Memphis (twice)

AST: 8, 2/23/18, Washington vs. Charlotte (twice)

STL: 5, 3/13/15, Phoenix vs. Atlanta (three times)

BLK: 6, 4/15/13, Phoenix vs. Houston

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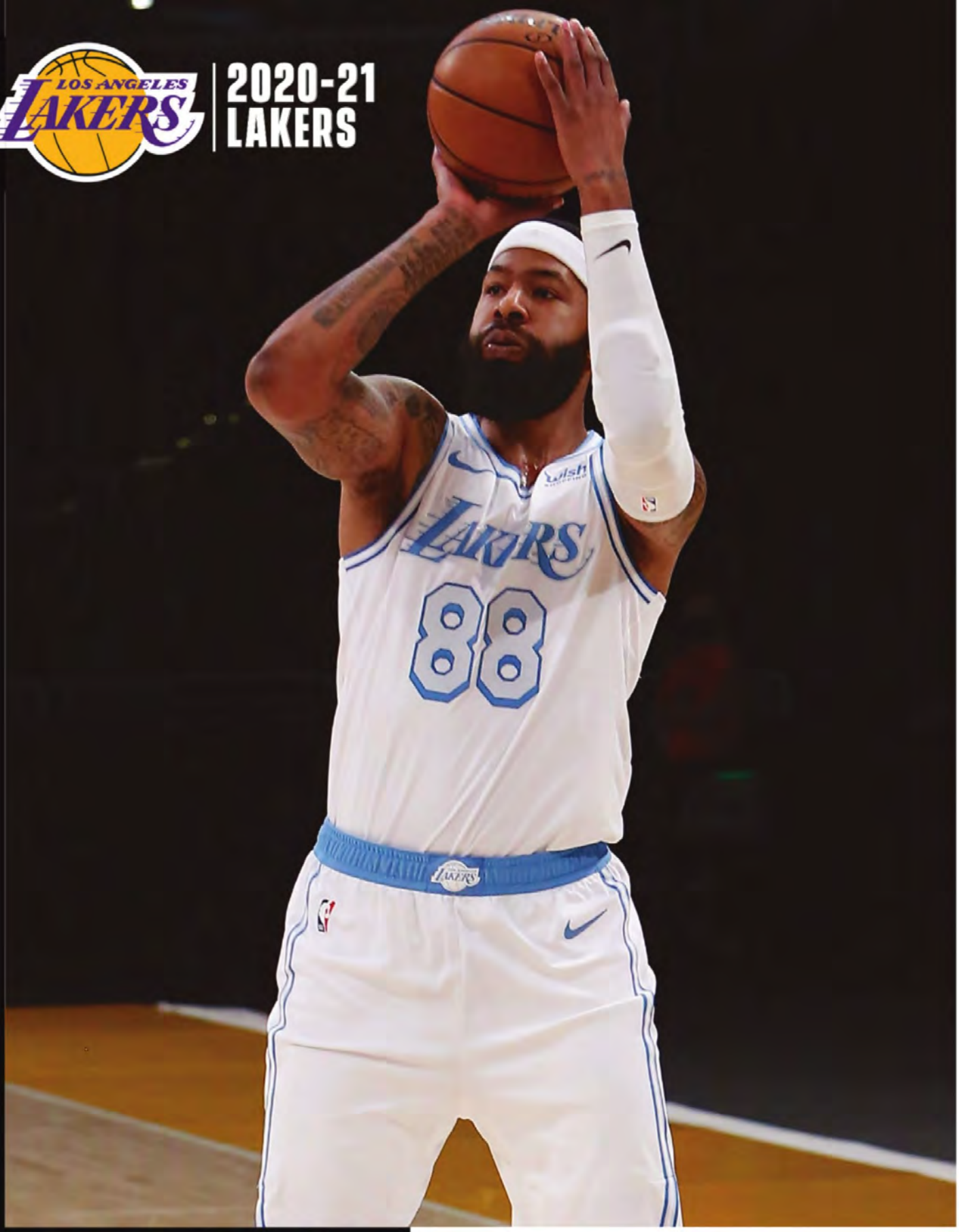

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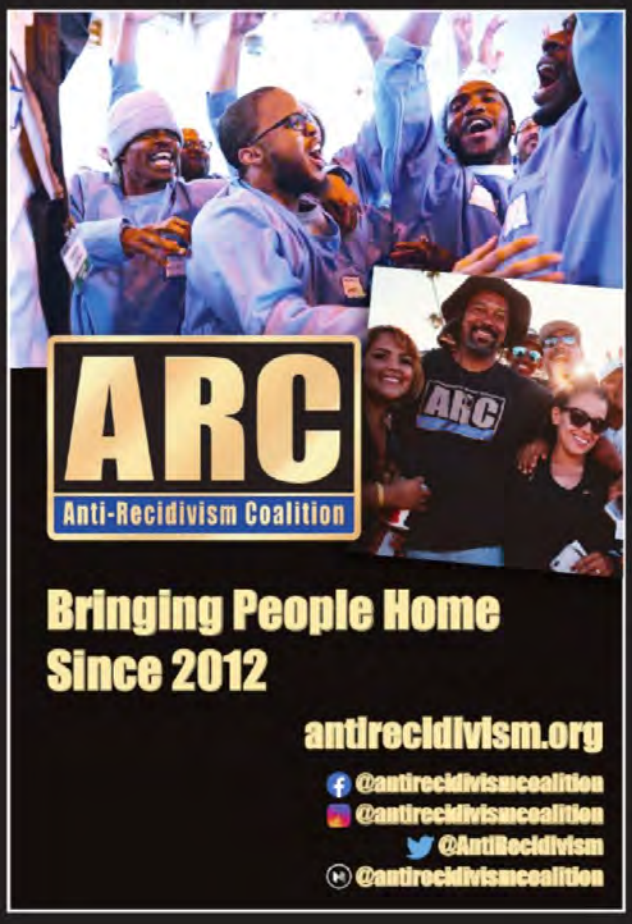

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FGA: 28, 3/20/19, Atlanta at Utah

3FG: 8, 4/10/19, Oklahoma City at Milwaukee

3FGA: 15, 4/10/19, Oklahoma City at Milwaukee

FT: 10, 12/18/19, Oklahoma City vs. Memphis (three times)

FTA: 12, 2/11/18, Atlanta vs. Detroit

OREB: 3, 1/15/21, Los Angeles vs. New Orleans (seven times)

DREB: 11, 12/22/20, Los Angeles vs. LA Clippers

REB: 12, 12/22/20, Los Angeles vs. LA Clippers (twice)

AST: 15, 1/17/18, Atlanta vs. New Orleans (twice)

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GETTING TO KNOW:
TALEN HORTON-TUCKER

BY MIKE TRUDELL

On a team loaded with quality veterans, there's only one Laker under the age of 25.

In fact, Talen Horton-Tucker just turned 20 in November, and yet, he's been so effective in limited minutes that Head Coach Frank Vogel has had to find ways to get him on the floor, at the expense of minutes to trusted vets.

To gain a better understanding of what THT is all about, we Zoomed in when the Lakers were on the road to trace his basketball journey back to his childhood in Chicago, through Simeon Career Academy, one year at Iowa State, a Round 2 selection by the Lakers in the 2019 NBA Draft, the G League and the Bubble up through today.

Below is a transcription of our conversation:

Mike Trudell: How did you fall in love with hoops?
Talen Horton-Tucker: When I was around 1, my godfather at the time got me a (mini) basketball hoop, and I do remember always having to have the basketball with me. I remember I lost it one time, and that's one of my first memories of basketball. Every time we went to a store, I just wanted to get another basketball. It was always, 'I need a basketball!'

MT: What was your first exposure to playing the game? Hoop with your friends? Pickup? Organized games? Camps?
THT: I pretty much played everywhere. Everything you just named, I did. I grew up in an apartment building, and the building we lived in had a basketball hoop outside in the back. I grew up playing there my whole life. I started playing team basketball around age four, and as I got older, it got more competitive as the years went on.

MT: What was the first team you were on?
THT: I played for Villa Park on the North Side of Chicago. We were called the Rockets, in the itty-bitty league.

MT: Right – and were you good right from the jump?
THT: I feel like I always knew how to play basketball. I always noticed I was able to do certain things that some people weren't able to do, and that always gave me the confidence to be pretty good.

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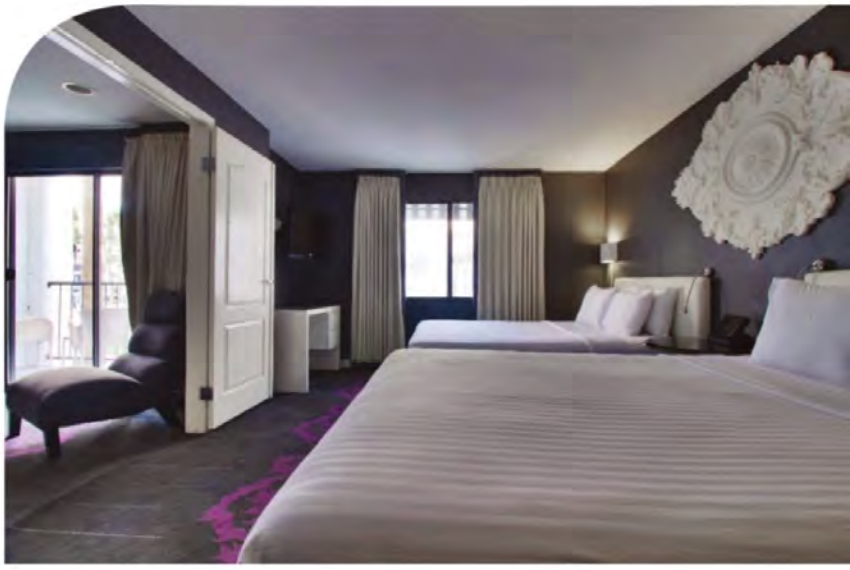

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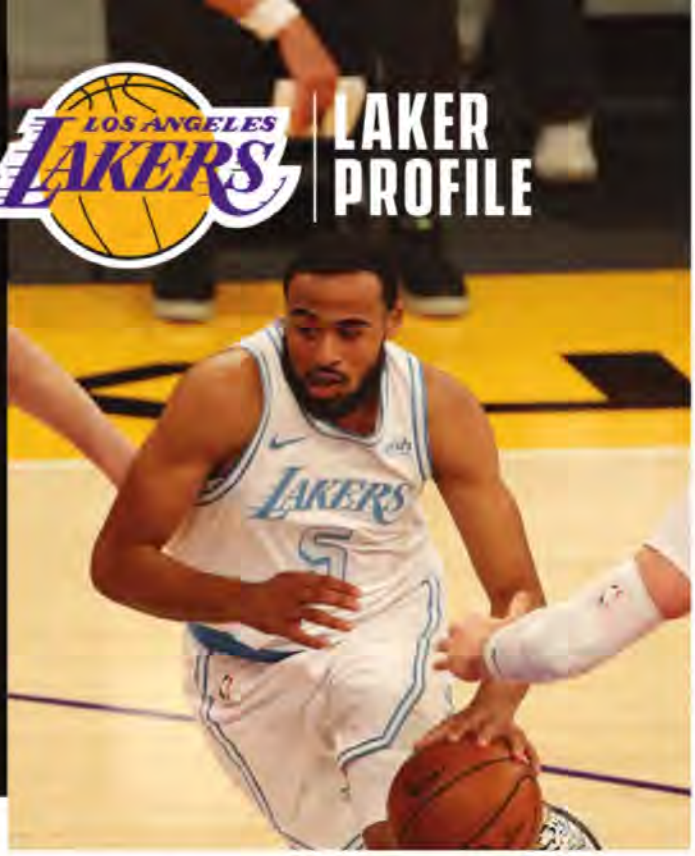

MT: Chicago has such a rich history with hoops, but I'm not sure if I've spoken to somebody who was born there since Michael Jordan retired. Of course that must have still been a huge influence on the hoops scene, and I assume everybody had the 23 on?
THT: Yeah, so, growing up in Chicago, Jordan was everything, even with me not being born until after (the championships). You could still see the legacy that he left. My mom was telling me stories about when they won in the 1990's, everybody went outside for the parades and stuff like that. The tradition is rich, and Chicago is a basketball city.

MT: Was your mom big into hoops? And did you inherit any of the love for the game, or did it come from within?
THT: She loved certain players she was a fan of, but I wouldn't say she was too into it until I got into it. The love of the game just came from me.

MT: Some people know that your high school, Simeon Career Academy, has a super rich hoops tradition. Derrick Rose was there when you were just a kid before he went to Memphis in 2007 … you'd have been 7. Do you recall the influence he had especially when he came back to Chicago to play for the Bulls?
THT: I was a big D-Rose fan, and growing up, seeing his path and everything he did since he went to the same high school, that was huge. And AD (Anthony Davis) too, being from Chicago, he and D-Rose were the two guys I wanted to see myself get to that type of level. So having AD here now is such a great experience.

MT: When did you get into the AAU circuit, and how many current NBA players did you go against back in the day?
THT: I started playing AAU in like 2nd grade, and I started learning the different sides of Chicago, through basketball: the South Side, the West Side and the North Side, where I was. I remember playing against a few guys that are in the NBA now. It used to be kinda crazy to me to be playing against guys now that I played against in 6th grade. Guys like RJ Barrett, Zion Williamson, Cam Reddish, Naz Reid. It's great actually seeing them on the same floor.

MT: Do you have any memories of specific matchups with any of those guys?
THT: I remember playing against RJ, because we played as seniors in high school too when (Barrett played for Montverde Academy). Being able to compete against each other not too long ago, and now it's the (Lakers and Knicks) is pretty cool.

MT: Any of your high school teammates still out there playing?
THT: There were like six or seven of us senior year that went Division 1. There was Zach Norvell, a former 2-way player with the Lakers, was my high school teammate. Another guy is Xavier Pinson at University of Missouri. Simeon has that tradition that gets people to the next level.

MT: How did your game grow at Simeon to the point where you started to get some recruiting letters and realized that you had something brewing?
THT: People started noticing me a little more after my freshman year. Just with the years of work I put in, and when my body changed in high school, (my development) was pretty good. I just stayed focused and positive, and it just started happening as far as momentum.

MT: Was there any pressure in going to Simeon after Rose and everybody, or was that something you embraced?
THT: Anything pressure related is something I feel like I need. I want that. I want any pressure that there is, just to be able to say I got through it. Being able to go to Simeon and be like those other guys that made it to the NBA is great.

MT: That brings your playoff debut last year against Houston to mind, when Frank Vogel just threw you in for Game 3 and Game 4, and you didn't seem to mind the moment at all. You were aggressive from the start, scoring 14 points in 17 minutes, and defending wings like James Harden and Eric Gordon.
THT: Yeah, I feel like that's how I am. It's all Chicago. You see it in the guys that are from Chicago. You see it their grit and their toughness. We're not going to back down. That' something we carry with us anywhere we go.

MT: I went to Northwestern, on the North Side of Chicago in Evanston, and traveled around the city a lot for different journalism assignments and just to explore, so I got to see how big it is … how would you describe Chicago?
THT: Yeah, I'm from Uptown, it's a neighborhood that isn't far from there on the North Side. A lot of people don't know that Chicago is really big, and you hear about things that go on in certain sides of town, but it's pretty much the same city everywhere. Growing up there, you see firsthand what to do and what not to do. You can have friends that go a different route than you go. You see where to go right, and once you have your head on straight; I know it's tough in Chicago, but you just have to have the right people around you and you can get through it.

MT: LeBron often talks about being the "Kid from Akron," and how he wasn't supposed to make it out of there, but basketball was a guiding light. Did you feel that way at all about hoops getting you where you wanted to go?
THT: It's funny, because like I said, growing up I had a full basketball court basically in by backyard, so just being able to have that stress reliever was big for me. I was always outside playing basketball, no matter what happened that day. I just knew that was what I wanted to do.

MT: How did you decide to go to Iowa State?
THT: I just wanted to go somewhere where I could showcase my abilities, and go in and actually have a chance to win something. We won a Big 12 Championship there, which was a great experience for me to have.

MT: In your one season, you averaged 11.8 points in 27.2 minutes, with 4.9 boards, 2.3 assists and 1.3 steals, and your squad made a run in the Big 12 Tourney as the No. 5 seed, beating Baylor, Kansas State and Kansas to take home the trophy. What was the process from that point for you to decide to declare for the NBA Draft?
THT: After the year, I sat down with my mom and just wanted to know what she was thinking. She told me that it was my decision, and she had the support for me. So when I made the decision to come out, some people said

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I wasn't ready, but I just trusted myself and bet on myself. I felt like I got the job done to land with the right team!

MT: I don't watch much college ball, but I know that the Lakers have had a lot of success in the Draft in the late first round and early to middle second round under (Dir. of Scouting/Asst. GM) Jesse Buss and (VP of Basketball Ops) Rob Pelinka. You also had the foot injury that would keep you out of the Combine and may have impacted the Draft, but clearly the Lakers saw something in you…
THT: It's just a mindset, especially after getting picked (later). I had the mindset that no matter what pick it was, I'm still going to do what I have to do. I found out I had a stress reaction in my foot after the season, during the combine in Chicago. That was another reason why I dropped in the Draft, probably, but I had to push through it, stay positive during the uncertainty.

MT: The Lakers were of course a loaded, veteran team last year, with a bunch of talented guards ahead of you on the depth chart. But they had the South Bay Lakers there in the same building, where Alex Caruso developed before his role grew. How did the G League help you during your rookie year?
THT: The G League was great, just for me to develop down there and get to play minutes against NBA competition. To have that coaching staff down there was really great for me too, telling me things I was going to have to use when I got to the Lakers. I used the whole year as prep, really, to get ready for the NBA.

MT: I mentioned your playoff debut against Houston earlier. Vogel had told us in the media that you had been looking great in practice, and almost forced him to find a way to get you on the court against the Rockets. How did you earn the trust of your coaches and the vets in those practices when you guys returned from the four-month break when the Pandemic started?
THT: Going into practice, I always try to learn. I look at the guys that are in front of me and try to mimic it. I really don't say too much. I just watch and pay attention, and feel like if I can do that, I'll be in good shape. In the Bubble, things started to slow down a little bit. I started finding an NBA rhythm. Being able to play against those guys every day was (great).

MT: Of course, you're learning quite a bit playing with and against an all-time great like LeBron, or one of the NBA's smartest guards in Rajon Rondo…
THT: I used to watch film with Rondo in the Bubble, after certain games, back at the hotel. Having someone like that around, and also 'Bron who would always be there to let you know what you're doing wrong so you can fix it. Having those two guys was already crazy, but then to have other guys on the team just to help you too, was really helpful.

MT: So how do you go from that performance in the playoffs to this training camp, just two months later, including a 33-point preseason game against the Clippers?
THT: I continued doing the same work that I was doing. The quarantine didn't really stop anything for me, I was still working out on my own; I just wanted to get better at all costs, really. I feel like being in the Bubble was another learning experience for me. I called it Basketball School.

MT: Have you been able to enjoy some of the excitement about your game this season … or, and this seems more likely, do you just keep it moving and stay focused on what you want to accomplish?
THT: Yeah, this is what I want to be great at. So it's great to hear everybody say good things about you, but I'm just trying to focus on getting better every day. That's the main focus. I'm only 20 years old. I feel like the sky is the limit, and just learning from these (vets) has been great for my career.

MT: Does it feel like a cheat code sometimes getting to learn directly from LeBron, in his 18th season, still playing at an MVP level, with all that accumulated knowledge?
THT: (laughs) Yeah it's happened a few times! Just being around 'Bron and learning how to make certain reads that everybody doesn't make, I look at it like, 'Bron isn't telling any other 20-year-old in the world this right now. So I'm getting something that nobody else is getting. That's huge. And that goes with AD, KCP, too, and last year with Rondo, learning how he ran a team and especially when he started to shoot the ball a lot more in the playoffs, I was really happy for that.

MT: Stu Lantz talks about on the Spectrum SportsNet broadcasts that you're at your best when you have the ball in your hands. How have you balanced that with at other teams needing to be off the ball when guys like LeBron have it, and focus on doing the little things and playing defense?
THT: I just want to come in and get better, man. Being around those guys, I gotta do whatever I gotta do to get on the floor. I'm gonna do whatever they ask me. And with me being able to do multiple things on the court, I feel like you can play me anywhere.

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ANTHONY DAVIS, THE NBA BUBBLE, AND CHAMPAGNE BUBBLES

BY DOUG WARD

After dominating the NBA's playoff bubble in Orlando with 27.7 points and 9.7 rebounds per game, Anthony Davis had no intention of bursting anyone's bubble in Los Angeles.

Instead, the 27-year-old power forward signed a multi-year contract extension with the Lakers as the team's 2020-21 training camp opened. Davis's autograph put the NBA's signature franchise on solid ground for years to come, all but guaranteeing the Lakers won't face any harrowing, unfamiliar seasons on the league's playoff bubble.

"I just wanted to be here," Davis says simply. "I want to be here; my family wants to be here. I love this organization. I love the coaching staff that we have. I just figured, why not be here?"

Why not, indeed.

In his first season in Los Angeles, Chicago-born, University of Kentucky educated Davis made himself right at home. He won an NBA championship, earned NBA All-Star honors, and was third in the league with 2.3 blocks per game while being named to the NBA's All-Defensive First Team.

Those are just the tangibles. Davis endeared himself to Lakers Nation with his unending respect for the organization's heritage, particularly the late, great, franchise icon Kobe Bryant. Those two passions converged on the night of September 20, when Davis – clad in the city edition, Black Mamba uniform designed by Kobe himself - hit a buzzer-beating, three-pointer to give the Lakers a 105-103 win over Denver and a 2-0 series lead in the Western Conference Finals.

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That bucket alone was a moment for the ages, but it was Davis's immediate, visceral, reaction to the shot that will be seared into the minds of Laker fans forever.

"Kobe! Kobe!" Davis shouted, over and over again, and with one Kobe-esque shot and the ensuing jubilation, Davis had cemented the foundation for his own place in Lakers lore. "Kobe hit countless shots like that to win games," Davis said at the time. "It's a huge dream."

That improbable shot wasn't the only thing that etched Davis's name in the Laker history book during his first season in Los Angeles.

Like Kobe, who teamed with Shaquille O'Neal, Davis is now half of a legendary Laker duo. Just as there was Jerry West & Elgin Baylor, Magic Johnson & Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, there is now Davis & LeBron James.

With King James inking an extension with the Lakers the same day that Davis came to terms, the pair will continue to lead the Lakers for the foreseeable future.

"Those two guys are the cornerstones of our franchise," Head Coach Frank Vogel says. "We are extremely lucky and grateful to have them leading our team for years to come."

The sentiment is mutual. Davis says teaming with LeBron to lead the franchise to its 17th NBA title last season has only served to stoke the pair's competitive fire. It also made it virtually impossible for Davis to walk away from such a dream scenario.

"I want to be here; my family wants to be here. I love this organization."

— Anthony Davis

"I know (LeBron) still loves the game," Davis says. "He's ready to continue playing basketball for the Lakers organization. I wasn't surprised by his extension. After doing something special like (winning a championship) with a great group of guys, it's hard to leave Laker Nation."

LeBron is succinct in his summation of continuing to be linked with AD: "It's a great partnership."

A great partnership. It's the same reason the Lakers and Davis work so well together.

Keeping Davis as a pillar of STAPLES Center was not only structurally sound, but Vice President of Basketball Operations and General Manager Rob Pelinka believes the agreement sent a message to both the city of Los Angeles and the rest of the NBA.

"AD made a considerable commitment to the franchise," Pelinka says. "He made a statement to the NBA, saying 'This is my team.' That is a leadership act. AD is one of the most dominant two-way players in our game, and his signing was a big leadership act."

Davis has another statement about leadership to make. He has made it abundantly clear that there is no threat of complacency bubbling to the surface after winning his first championship in October. And no, short offseason aside, Davis and the Lakers see no reason to approach the 2020-21 season as something that needs to be kept in protective bubble wrap.

"I'm very motivated," Davis says. "I want to do it again. When we won the Western Conference Finals, LeBron said 'Just wait until you win a championship and you hold that trophy.' Your love for winning just grows."

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Turns out LeBron, with four NBA titles on his resume, knows a thing or two about the satisfaction of winning. Now Davis knows, too.

"Ever since holding that trophy," Davis says, "I just want to do it again. You want to hold that trophy over and over and over, you get addicted to winning. It's going to be a great time. We've got another great task ahead of us. The team is looking great, guys have been working out, so I'm excited."

That enthusiasm stems from one clear goal. All-Star recognition and All-Defensive Team honors are nice, but nothing compares to holding trophies, wearing rings, and raising banners.

"I want that feeling again," Davis says. "I want to be able to hold that Larry O'Brien trophy again."

Pelinka, whose offseason moves make him an early candidate for NBA Executive of the Year, said coming to terms with Davis was unlike the typical player/team negotiation. Instead, the deal represented the continuation of a mutually beneficial partnership.

"We approached our conversations with AD as working with a partner," Pelinka says. After the Lakers made Davis a max offer, there was no hard-sell recruiting pitch, no artificial deadlines, no leverage applied. Instead, the Lakers stepped back and allowed Davis time to weigh the merits of staying in Los Angeles.

"We are true partners with AD," Pelinka says. "We told him to think through what is best for him and his family. He is a pillar of LA and everybody is excited to have him in LA."

Davis has become so much a part of the Los Angeles community that the he now calls the city his full-time home.

"L.A. is the place I wanted to be," Davis says. "They do a great job of putting the team together. It's the place I wanted to be. It's where I love to be. I'm out here during the summers and now living here full-time. So, I thought it was just a great thing … and be here in the place that I love. I don't plan on going anywhere."

The Lakers, conversely, appear well on their way to going places. After an abbreviated offseason that brought Dennis Schröder, Wesley Matthews, Montrezl Harrell, and Marc Gasol into the fold, Davis believes the defending champs have gotten better.

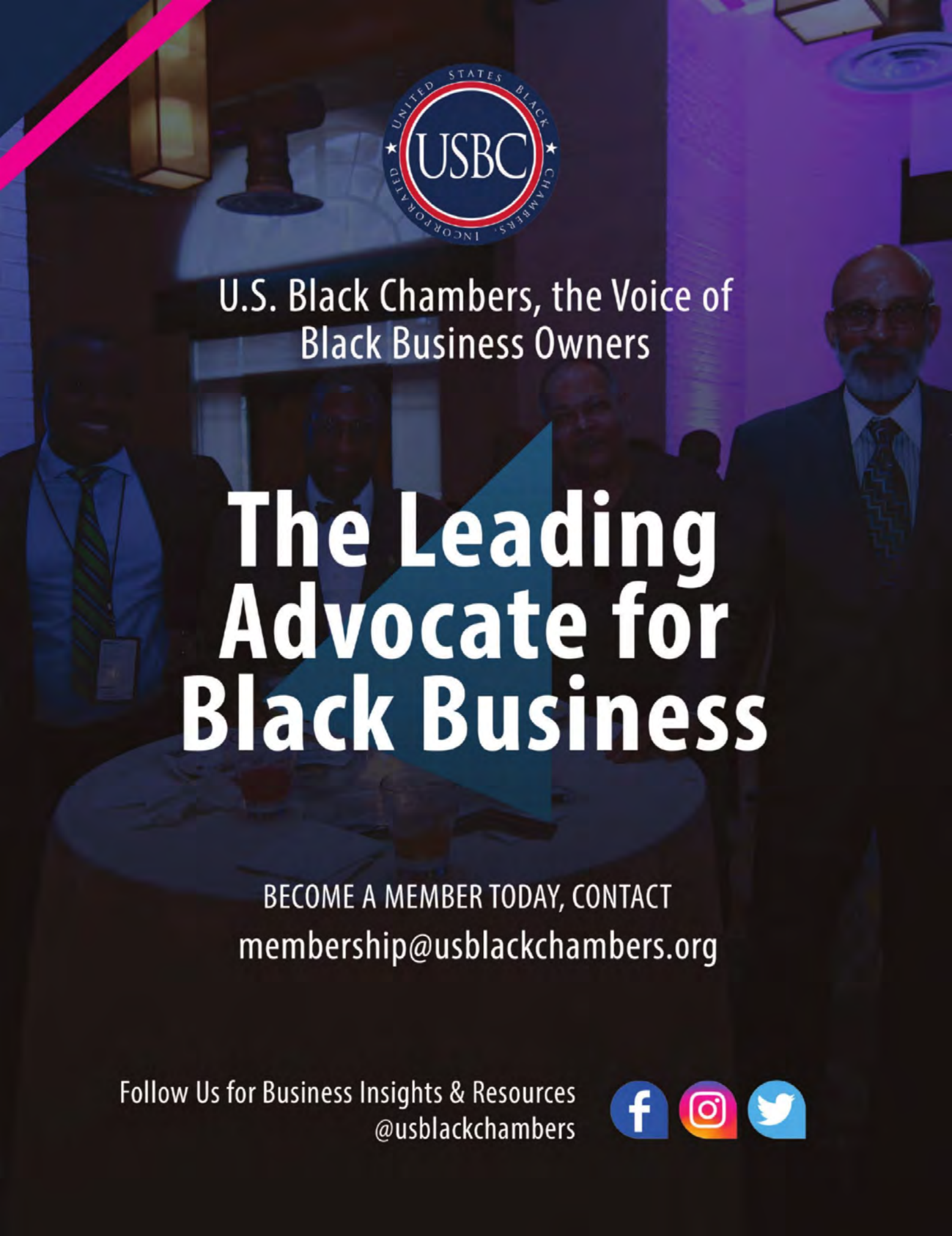
"We wish (Rajon Rondo, Danny Green, Dwight Howard, JaVale McGee, and Avery Bradley) luck with their respective teams," Davis says of departed members of last year's team. "Without those guys, we wouldn't have been able to win a championship, for sure. But we added some guys to take on their roles, and I think we did a really good job."

Davis considers the acquisition of Schröder to be the most unforeseen move engineered by Pelinka.

"I think Dennis surprised me the most," Davis says. "When I saw that trade go through, I was like 'Wow, we just got Dennis Schröder.' Somebody that is tough on the defensive end, great offensively, scrappy."

With a newly inked long-term deal, the game's greatest player as a teammate, and an upgraded supporting cast, this won't be the kind of team held together with spit and bubble gum.

Their season in the bubble successfully behind them, the only bubbles Davis and the Lakers have their sights on now are the ones in those celebratory champagne showers, the kind that come after championship-winning seasons.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FUN AND GAMES

SNEAKERHEAD MONTREZL HARRELL'S GAME IS ALL ABOUT HARD WORK, BUT HIS SHOES ARE ALL ABOUT FUN.

BY DOUG WARD

Lakers forward Montrezl Harrell can be counted on to bring boundless energy and two pairs of shoes — one for the first half, one for the second - to the arena every night.

The ultimate sneakerhead, Harrell has a **collection** of over **2,000 pairs** of basketball shoes and wears his own signature Reebok model, so you can't help but wonder, like Mars Blackmon in that classic TV commercial, if all that energy and all those shoes are somehow intertwined.

Is it the shoes, Montrezl?

"No," Harrell says, sounding a lot like basketball's ultimate shoe salesman, Michael Jordan, from back in the day. "It's not the shoes."

That Energizer bunny routine of Harrell's was actually instilled long ago, under the roof of his family home while he was coming of age in Tarboro, North Carolina.

"I grew up in a tightknit household," Harrell says. "I got my passion from my family."

The uncommon vitality Harrell brings to basketball originated with a family that taught him to always be hard-working, always bring energy, and always be grinding away. Harrell was also schooled on the importance of capturing every moment of every day, and the value of making the most of every opportunity.

"You can't take anything for granted," the 27-year-old Harrell says. "With the pandemic we are going through now, it shows that you really don't know what is going to happen at any given time. My whole process is about working hard on a day-to-day basis, getting better every day."

The lessons Harrell's family imparted on him about bringing intensity at all times have come in handy during these days of COVID-19, where NBA games are played in empty arenas. The Lakers have earned a reputation as one of basketball's most cohesive teams, a group that feeds off one another and plays with high-energy despite the absence of fans. Harrell's contribution in that regard goes far beyond his nightly production off the bench.

The arenas are empty, but the Lakers' collective gas tank remains full. The team's esprit de corps has been one of its greatest assets and Harrell is forever giving more fuel than he takes.

"We are our own fans," Harrell says, stating the obvious to anyone who has seen the Lakers play this season. Watching the joyous camaraderie on the Lakers bench can be almost as much fun as watching the action of the court.

"We create our own energy," says the man who trips the circuit breaker every time he enters the game.

That team spirit, Harrell says, is also evident in the playful competition among teammates when it comes to one of Harrell's other loves: fashion. Harrell and LeBron James are the Lakers biggest sneakerheads, but when it comes to wardrobe, and the nightly display of haute couture that coincides with entering an NBA arena, the competition runs deep within the team.

"We have some great dressers on this team," Harrell says. "In the locker room, we vote on it. I have been into fashion for a while, but there is a lot of competition here with Kuz (Kyle Kuzma), Dennis (Schröder), and LeBron (James)."

The shoes and the clothes are for pleasure, but when the ball is tipped, Harrell is all business. His hoops idol has long been Kevin Garnett, a player he has been likened to. That comp, Harrell says, is the ultimate compliment.

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"I was always a big KG fan," Harrell says. "Still am, to this day. KG has a passion for basketball and plays the game the right way. KG is always KG, always about winning. He is going to be the same no matter what happens."

A North Carolina native who played his college ball at Louisville and began his NBA career in Houston, Harrell has been in Los Angeles for four years now and calls the city his "home away from home."

"I came out to Los Angeles four years ago and I haven't left. I really enjoy the sunshine and the beaches."

Harrell has not changed his home city in four years, yet he says he is more noticeable this season due to the fact that he now wears purple and gold.

"I am doing what I normally do," Harrell says, "but more people are able to see it now."

Chock that up to the power of the Lakers brand. While Harrell says he has enjoyed every team he has played for — Louisville, Houston, and the Clippers — he also has an acute understanding of the power of branding.

"Having a shoe named for me is a tremendous honor." — Montrezl Harrell

Harrell's love of sneakers prompted him to sign on to help Reebok re-establish itself as a premier basketball shoe. Being asked to lend his name and expertise to the brand's flagship shoe was a dream come true for the lifelong shoe enthusiast.

"Having a shoe named for me is a tremendous honor," Harrell says of the Reebok Kamikaze II "Montrezl Harrell." Another shoe will be released in March or April.

"The shoe I created is tied to cartoons and other things I loved when I was growing up. Reebok took a chance on me and that's all I ever wanted. Same as my game. I just wanted someone to take a chance on me."

Harrell has fond memories of watching old-school players rep the brand that now carries his name. One of his earliest memories while growing up is of watching Shaquille O'Neal and others dominate while wearing the brand.

"I am a proud member of the Reebok family," Harrell says. "So many great players wore the shoe back in the day. I am following the legacy of Shaq, A.I. (Allen Iverson), and Shawn Kemp. I want to help bring the brand back."

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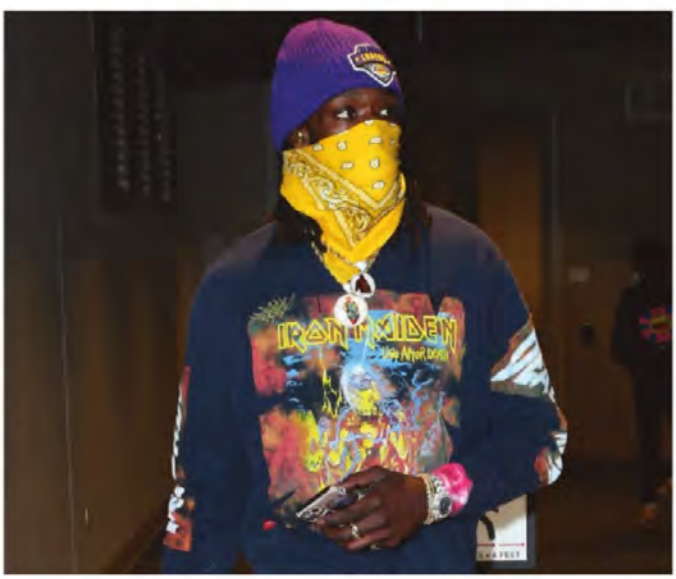

Harrell has always been big on animation and, in the past, has worn sneakers adorning the likeness of Homer Simpson and the Rugrats. "And," he adds, "my whole left leg is covered in cartoon tattoos."

Although Harrell is the reigning Sixth Man of the Year and a key cog on a championship caliber team, he is not an overnight success story. He was not a lottery pick when he entered the NBA.

At Louisville, Harrell was a part of Rick Pitino's 2013 National Championship team before Houston selected him in the second round (32nd overall) in 2015. He played 12 games with the Rockets' G League team, Rio Grande Valley, before playing his way into becoming a full-time NBA player a year later.

True to his motto, Harrell has worked hard to get a little better, year-by-year. Harrell enjoyed his best season and took home Sixth Man of the Year honors last year, when he averaged 18.6 points and 7.1 rebounds for the Clippers.

If Harrell has built his game on non-stop work, he has made a name for himself through that extensive shoe collection, the one that puts the fun in the fundamentally sound game he plays. Harrell explains that his habit of wearing flamboyant shoes — and changing shoes at halftime — is all for fun.

"I think the shoes are more for the fans to gravitate toward," Harrel says. "They are different from what you see in the day-to-day world people live in. They are fun."

But when it came time to pick a team as a free agent back in November, Harrell was back to business.

"I talked to my family and inner circle," Harrell says of the decision-making process. "The Lakers were the best fit for me. (Assistant Coach) Phil Handy is a great person, with great wisdom. A great teacher. It still feels right, even if we weren't playing as well as we are, it still would have been the right place for me."

Harrell says his role with the Lakers is to complement the team's great players, modestly overlooking the fact that he is much more than a complementary player. Instead, he repeats his mantra.

"I don't take anything for granted," Harrell says. "I take it one day at a time and work hard to get better every day."

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The 2019-20 Los Angeles Lakers capped off a season unlike any other by winning the franchise's 17th title and cementing their place as one of the greatest teams to ever represent the purple-and-gold. The Lakers dominated a title-clinching Game 6 of the NBA Finals on Sunday, October 11, to win the team's first NBA Championship since 2010. Los Angeles did not trail in the title-clinching game and led by as many as 36 points in the second half. L.A. finished the season a perfect 57-0 when entering the fourth quarter with a lead, becoming the first team in NBA history to win every game in such scenario while proving that they had that killer's instinct that every champion must possess. The Lakers were led by their star-studded duo of Anthony Davis and LeBron James, who became the first pair of teammates in NBA history to average 25 points while shooting 50 percent from the field in a single postseason and the fourth to do so in the Finals. James became the first player in NBA history to win Finals MVP with three separate franchises and Davis became just the eighth player to win an NBA Championship, an NCAA Championship and an Olympic gold medal. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Alex Caruso, Kyle Kuzma and Markieff Morris all won their first NBA titles as they made key contributions throughout L.A.'s postseason run. The Lakers will now look to repeat as champions as they begin their journey for banner number 18.

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MVP offers weekly MMA/boxing and circuit training workouts that combine strength training with team and individual drills that push their physical limits. Modified workouts available for those with physical challenges.

Each MVP meeting also focuses on strengthening the mind, heart and soul. Through open dialogue and a post-workout group chat, participants are able to openly share their struggles and accomplishments.

SUPPORT

GROWING TOGETHER

MVP members share with each other the most impactful and troubling effects of their past careers and current life changes, allowing for unbreakable bonds to be created.

This brings out a variety of emotions, not only from those liberating themselves, but from those who listen, understand, and can relate to the struggles. Members learn to have faith in achieving all their goals, rediscover themselves, and begin to trust others in their lives.

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TV AND RADIO

SPECTRUM SPORTSNET:
Stu Lantz and Bill Macdonald

ESPNLA RADIO (710 AM):
John Ireland and Mychal Thompson

TU LIGA RADIO (1330 AM):
Jose "Pepe" Mantilla, Fernando Gonzalez and Francisco Pinto

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Spectrum Networks operates Spectrum SportsNet, a regional sports network that has an exclusive partnership with the Los Angeles Lakers, LA Galaxy, Los Angeles Sparks and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). Through their exclusive partnerships with the Lakers, LA Galaxy, Los Angeles Sparks and the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), the award-winning, 24/7, high-definition networks each deliver more than 180 live events per year, extensive team coverage and unprecedented behind-the-scenes access.

Lakers programming on Spectrum SportsNet includes "Access SportsNet: Lakers," featuring comprehensive pre- and post-game analysis as well as "#LakeShow," an interactive program driven by social media interaction and fan engagement. "Backstage: Lakers" is the network's signature series that gives fans unparalleled access to the team and chronicles the Lakers season from start to finish. The program provides viewers with an insider's perspective taking fans from the court, to the locker room and on the road with the team. All Lakers games on Spectrum SportsNet are called by veteran Lakers broadcasters Stu Lantz and Bill Macdonald, with Mike Trudell as the sideline reporter. Studio coverage is led by hosts Chris McGee and Allie Clifton. Lakers Hall of Famer James Worthy serves as lead analyst on Lakers game days and is joined throughout the season by analysts Robert Horry and Derek Fisher. Mike Bresnahan is the network's Lakers Insider.

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SPECTRUM SPORTSNET

RADIO

After kicking off its inaugural season with the team with an NBA Championship run, 710 AM ESPNLA Radio now enters year 11 as the official English flagship station for the Los Angeles Lakers. Each of the Lakers preseason, regular season and playoff games can be heard on the Lakers English radio network, with John Ireland and Mychal Thompson providing play-by-play and color commentary, respectively.

The Lakers Spanish radio flagship for the 24th straight season is 1330 AM TU LIGA. Fernando Gonzalez, Jose "Pepe" Mantilla and Francisco Pinto deliver all the action of every game on 1330 AM and the Lakers' Spanish radio network. 1330 AM TU LIGA is also the flagship of the Spanish sports radio network.

ESPN LA (710 AM)

TU LIGA RADIO 1330AM

RADIO AFFILIATES

KSPN ^	710 AM	Los Angeles
KMET	1490 AM	Banning/Inland Empire
KSZL	1230 AM	Barstow
KFIG	940 AM	Fresno
KYVA	1230 AM	Gallup (NM)
KIKI	990 AM	Honolulu (HI)
KWWN	1100 AM	Las Vegas (NV)
KKUU HD2	103.9 FM	Palm Springs
KLSD	1360 AM	San Diego
KXTK	1280 AM	San Luis Obispo
KWKW* ^	1330 AM	Los Angeles
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March 2021

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	1	■ 2 PHX	3 7:00 PM @SAC	4	5	6
ALL-STAR 7	8	9	10	11	▸ 12 IND	13
14	▲ 15 7:00 PM @UTA	16 MIN	17	▸ 18 CHA	19	20 ATL
▸ 21 7:00 PM @PHX	22	■ 23 6:30 PM @NOP	24	■ 25 PHI	26 CLE	27
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April 2021

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May 2021

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16 TBD @NOP	17	18	19	20	21	22

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STAPLES CENTER

STAPLES Center is celebrating its 20th anniversary year and has undoubtedly developed an unrivaled reputation for excellence having established itself as the Sports and Entertainment *Center* of the World. Beginning twenty years ago with Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band's opening night concert on October 17, 1999, more than 75 million guests have come to the AEG-owned and operated STAPLES Center to attend a schedule of prestigious concerts, sporting events, award shows, family shows and other major attractions unmatched by any arena.

As the home of four professional sports franchises, the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers, the NHL's Los Angeles Kings, and the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks, STAPLES Center has proven to be a home court advantage for the local teams with the Lakers capturing six NBA Championships and the Kings winning two Stanley Cup titles since 1999, while the Sparks captured back-to-back WNBA Championships in their first two STAPLES Center campaigns and brought home their third WNBA Championship in 2016.

STAPLES Center continues to distinguish itself as the host of major, high-profile events of national and international distinction including the 2004, 2011 & 2018 NBA All-Star Weekends, the 2002 & 2017 NHL All-Star Games and 2010 NHL Draft, 2002 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the 2000 Democratic National Convention, 2009 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, 19 of the last 21 GRAMMY Award shows, 11 X Games competitions, four WTA Tour Championships, 12 Pac 12 Men's Basketball Championship tournaments, 2013 & 2018 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship West Regional, the Michael Jackson Public Memorial Service on July 7, 2009, Nipsey Hussle's Celebration of Life on April 11, 2019, Celebration of Life for Kobe and Gianna Bryant on February 24, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, for the first time in the arena's 21-year history, STAPLES Center was able to host an official LA County Vote Center from October 24-November 3 2020.

STAPLES Center's incredible history has been marked with performances and special events that brought international stature to Los Angeles' sports & entertainment legends including concerts starring Taylor Swift, Adele, Mana, Prince, U2, Garth Brooks, Beyoncé, Usher, Paul McCartney, Don Henley, Bon Jovi, Madonna, Christina Aguilera, Justin Timberlake, Phil Collins, The Rolling Stones, Dave Matthews, Britney Spears, Rod Stewart, Eric Clapton, Janet Jackson, Jay-Z, Simon & Garfunkel, Van Halen, Dixie Chicks, John Mayer, Shania Twain, Peter Gabriel, Ricky Martin, Tina Turner, Kanye West, Luis Miguel, Billy Joel, Lionel Ritchie, Reba McEntire, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Faith Hill & Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Rod Stewart, Tool, Shakira, Depeche Mode, Cher, Bette Midler, Lady Gaga, Keith Urban, Mariah Carey, Eurythmics, Googoosh, The Police, Bob Seger, Lady Antebellum, Katy Perry, Marco Antonio Solis, and a Millennium New Year's Eve spectacular starring the Eagles, Jackson Browne and Linda Ronstadt; world championship boxing including Lennox Lewis vs. Vitali Klitschko for the World Heavyweight Championship and the first-ever Latin Grammy Awards. In addition, the arena

has hosted multiple sold-out WWE dates, UFC events, over 25 nights of boxing, Disney on Ice, Walking with Dinosaurs and the Harlem Globetrotters.

STAPLES Center's charitable activities are a part of AEG 1Community and its AEG Community Foundation. AEG 1Community seeks to reach beyond the traditional boundaries of business to support the communities where the organization operates. AEG believes that corporate philanthropy and community engagement play a critical role in helping communities thrive and STAPLES Center strives to be civic leaders by working to improve the economic and social well-being of local communities where the company operates. Over the last 10 years, company-affiliated foundations and programs have contributed over $120 million in direct financial and in-kind support of charitable, community and civic programs that focus on children and youth in the areas of education, the arts and health and wellness. The AEG Community Foundation was established to build on AEG's unwavering commitment to serving children and families through grantmaking. The mission of the Foundation is to support children and families in need through grantmaking in the areas of K-12 education, the arts and health and wellness. We believe that corporate philanthropy and community engagement play a critical role in helping communities thrive.

STAPLES Center and L.A. LIVE serve as the hub for community engagement during the holiday season and support employee volunteerism activities such as a company-wide Day of Service. Through a partnership with City Year, employees volunteer to refurbish local public schools by providing supplies, painting, cleaning and gardening services. During AEG's *Season of Giving*, held throughout the month of December, the foundation spotlights more than two dozen local charities and community-based organizations and provides non-profits a platform to collect food, hold blood drives, register volunteers, educate the public and sign up mentors.

STAPLES Center has been designed with the fans of Los Angeles in mind. Guests who attend events are treated to the finest entertainment experience imaginable. The arena has free public Wi-Fi, over 840 Toshiba flat panel televisions and (as part of a specially designed $1.5 million facility-wide sound system) and 675 separate speakers outside of the seating area, so fans never miss any of the sights or sounds of a STAPLES Center event. Also featured is a $2 million specialty lighting package and other state-of-the-art amenities. In 2010, STAPLES Center unveiled its new $10 million center-hung video LIVE 4HD Scoreboard specially designed for the arena.

Along STAPLES Center's five concourses are 23 refreshment stands offering a variety of dining choices including the Smokehouse BBQ on City View Terrace, a one-of-a-kind outdoor dining experience with a spectacular view of L.A. LIVE and the downtown Los Angeles skyline. The TEAM LA store located on the main concourse is a retail store featuring official merchandise from the teams and events that call STAPLES Center home with satellite locations throughout the facility and L.A. LIVE. Finally, the arena provides 55 public restrooms including three family restrooms.

STAPLES CENTER

Perhaps the greatest emphasis throughout STAPLES Center's development has been the recruitment and training of its guest services and security staff. The STAPLES Center experience is second-to-none from the entertainment environment to the staff's commitment to making every guest's visit a memorable one. Never before has an arena had the amenities, features and commitment to quality service that STAPLES Center offers to the fans and the City of Los Angeles. STAPLES Center continues to set new standards for the arena industry. Located directly across the street from STAPLES Center is L.A. LIVE, a one-of-a-kind sports and entertainment district in downtown Los Angeles. The four million square foot destination features Microsoft Theater, The GRAMMY Museum, Conga Room and The Novo, giving L.A. LIVE 'more music per square foot' than any other location in the world. The district offers a rich mix of local, regional and national restaurants including Wolfgang Puck Bar and Grill, Yard House, Katsuya, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Rock 'N Fish, Lawry's Carvery, Tom's Urban, Smashburger, Starbucks, BOCA at the Conga Room, WP24 and others. L.A. LIVE also features 100,000 square feet of special event and hospitality space and the famous Lucky Strike Lanes and Lounge. The development also includes a 54-story, 1,001-room convention "headquarters" hotel (combining *JW Marriott* and *The Ritz-Carlton* brands and 224 luxury condominiums – The Ritz Carlton Residences at L.A. LIVE.), the 14-screen Regal L.A. LIVE: A Barco Innovation Center theater featuring the RealD Premiere Cinema, along with ESPN's West Coast broadcast headquarters. Also home to annual award shows including the American Music Awards, EMMYS, ESPYS and BET Awards, L.A. LIVE is recognized worldwide for offering an incomparable and unforgettable entertainment experience.

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NBA CARES

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LAKERS YOUTH FOUNDATION MISSION

The Los Angeles Lakers Youth Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 organization and the official team charity of the Los Angeles Lakers. The Foundation's mission is to help underserved youth develop their potential by providing positive experiences and resources in education, health and wellness, and sports. The Foundation also awards grants to other charities that support youth through direct services and programs in these areas.

BUSS FAMILY AND THE LAKERS

During his lifetime, as a result of his considerable charitable efforts, Dr. Jerry Buss was honored by a wide range of organizations that included City of Hope, NAACP, the B'Nai B'rith, United Negro College Fund, United Indian Development Association, National Organization of Women, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, Heart of Los Angeles Youth and Special Olympics of Southern California. Following in their father's footsteps, the Buss family's philanthropic and community support is as diverse as the community in which they live and work.

The Lakers and the Lakers Youth Foundation annually donate hundreds of thousands of dollars, tickets, merchandise, and autographed items to support countless neighborhood schools, charities and youth groups as well as non-profit organizations which attend to the needs of communities in Southern California.

LAKERS LITERACY LEAGUE

The Lakers Literacy League is a free program for teachers intended to foster the joy of literacy in youth grades K-5 through engaging Lakers-themed challenges and creative projects. Activities throughout the program are aimed to help youth find the fun in literacy, ultimately building community in the classroom, digital or physical! Teachers register their classrooms to

receive a monthly newsletter with access to three main activities per month. Members of the League are then eligible to win prizes for their entire class! To learn more or join the Lakers Literacy League, visit www.lakers.com/community/literacy-league.

CHICK HEARN NIGHT

Chick Hearn Night has been celebrated at the Lakers home game closest to Chick's birthday every season since his passing in 2002. On Chick Hearn Night, the annual Chick Hearn Memorial Scholarship is presented to help two aspiring sports journalists pursue their dreams.

Since 2002, the Lakers have created sixteen Lakers Reading Rooms or Lakers Reading and Learning Centers throughout Los Angeles and Hawaii. Each site was remodeled with new carpet, paint, bookshelves, tables, chairs, sofas, children's books, and framed Lakers photos, offering children a safe and fun learning environment dedicated to literacy.

LAKERS "TEAM UP"

The Lakers Team Up program echoes the team's commitment to the community and gives Lakers staff the opportunity to get out of the office and give back to the community in a hands-on way. Once a month, Lakers staff participate in a volunteer event that supports the core pillars of Lakers Community Relations. These events are designed to make a positive impact in the community and encourage LA residents of all ages to volunteer and engage in community service projects.

GRANTING WISHES

In collaboration with wish granting organizations, the Los Angeles Lakers regularly provide game tickets and arrange player meetings for children and adults facing life-threatening medical conditions. Over the past 20 years, the Lakers have granted over 400 special wishes for children and adults from all over the United States, Canada, and as far away as Israel and the Netherlands.

JUNIOR LAKERS

Junior Lakers is the Los Angeles Lakers official youth basketball initiative. With Junior Lakers, the Lakers and the Lakers Youth Foundation work with Los Angeles youth to develop fundamental basketball skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and community involvement, with positive adult supervision. The Lakers impact over 130,000 Los Angeles youth basketball players across multiple Junior Lakers Leagues with after-school programs including the Boys & Girls Club and LA's Best, presented by UCLA Health, as well as Playworks, presented by Wish, and After-School All Stars.

CAMP LAKERS

Camp Lakers, presented by UCLA Health, is committed to providing young

players with the ultimate Lakers experience. For the last 20 summers, campers have learned the Laker way at Camp Lakers, honing their basketball skills and discovering the importance of hard work, teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship, on and off the court.

Each day special Lakers guests and staff visit Camp to meet and speak with the campers. On the last day of the week, the campers take a field trip to the Lakers facility to meet Lakers and see where the Lakers work on their basketball skills. There they have the once-and-a-lifetime opportunity to play where the Lakers play, meet Lakers players and Laker Girls and see the championship trophies.

LAKERS CELEBRITY GOLF INVITATIONAL

Each season, the Lakers organization and some of their biggest supporters gather to raise money for the Lakers Youth Foundation at the Lakers Celebrity Golf Invitational. The annual tournament allows golfers the opportunity to play alongside Lakers Legends and sports and entertainment celebrities for a day of fun and excitement. After the golf day guests have the opportunity to meet current Lakers players and coaching staff at an afternoon reception, charity silent & live auction and gala dinner. The money raised at the Lakers Celebrity Golf Invitational benefits the Lakers Youth Foundation and enables the foundation to provide educational, athletic and recreational opportunities to Los Angeles youth.

COMPLIMENTARY GROUP TICKETS

Each year, the Lakers and the Lakers Youth Foundation donate several thousand tickets to Southern California non-profit organizations so that their members may enjoy a game together. Often, the complimentary group ticket is the non-profit member's first opportunity to see a Lakers game. Ticket requests can be made online at www.lakers.com/community.

STUDENT & EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

Once a month during the NBA regular season, the Los Angeles Lakers honor three local students, two local teachers and one local principal for their outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements. All educator nominations are submitted to the Lakers online at www.lakers.com/community by local school personnel and all student nominations are submitted by teachers. Each honoree receives special virtual recognition from the Lakers, a plaque, and a Lakers t-shirt.

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A SEASON OF GIVING

The annual Lakers "Season of Giving," presented by East West Bank, consists of several events centered around the holidays intended to bring joy and cheer to local underserved communities. The 2020 "Season of Giving" kicked off with a Thanksgiving Drive-In movie event, then led to the Miracle on Manchester Turkey Giveaway at the Salvation Army of Inglewood where over 300 Thanksgiving meal necessities were passed out to families in need. The "Season" rounds out with a fun Holiday experience for families in December. Current and former Lakers players join the events to interact with the community and provide a memorable holiday experience for all.

HEALTH AND FITNESS INITIATIVES

The Lakers are dedicated to helping their fans live a healthy lifestyle. To emphasize the importance of health and fitness, the Lakers sponsor programs that reward local students for being active about their health. Field Day with the Los Angeles Lakers, presented by UCLA Health, aims to educate the community about the importance of physical fitness and having fun.

The Lakers Youth Foundation is proud to offer local organizations the opportunity to host a free basketball clinic and fitness clinics for children in their neighborhood. The clinics are designed to promote youth basketball, be interactive, make physical fitness fun, and teach kids how to stay active and healthy.

MILITARY APPRECIATION

The Lakers and Pechanga Resort Casino created the "Hoops for Troops" program in 2015 to honor those that serve and sacrifice for our country. Hoops for Troops basketball clinics offer the chance for U.S. Armed Forces servicemembers around Southern California to receive tips from Lakers legends on shooting, passing and ball handling skills, as well as some friendly competition.

MENTORSHIP

By the time girls reach 8th grade, they are 50% more likely to drop out of sports than boys, creating barriers that can last a lifetime. Through Game Growers, Nike and the Lakers invite 8th grade girls to form teams and share ideas about keeping girls playing sports. One idea is selected, and those girls travel to Nike Headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon, for Game Growers Training Camp. At camp, the girls work on their idea and present it to Nike and all NBA

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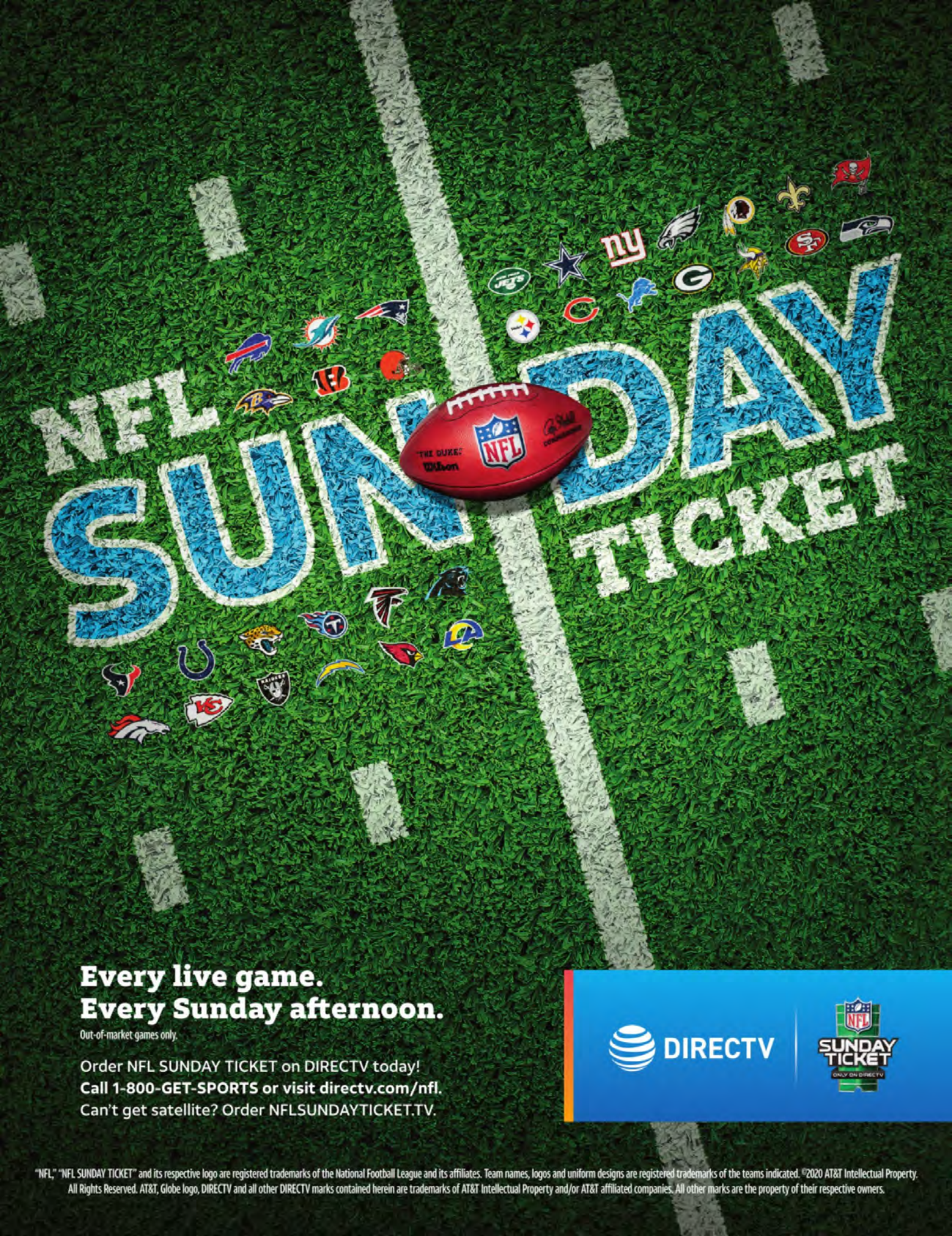
and WNBA participating teams, before heading back to their community to activate on their game plan.

The Lakers also have mentor programs that pair staff with local high school youth to provide guidance, career advice and inspiration. Lakers staff serve as a positive role model and resource for the students as they navigate and prepare for their next steps.

SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES

Through a combination of civic engagement, voter education, digital inclusion initiatives, and internal programs, the Lakers are committed to being an anti-racist organization. Building Bridges with Basketball uses the sport to unite members of the LAPD with the surrounding community. The Black Action Network, an employee resource group, works to build inclusiveness and provide cultural opportunities for staff, including monthly Courageous Conversations around social injustices. These programs, among many others, are part of the Lakers' dedication to making profound anti-racist change in the Los Angeles community.



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